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                         EASTERN DIVISION
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    RHONDA TRACY,
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            Plaintiff,
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                                 ) No. 99 C 2736
        -vs-
    JEWEL FOOD STORES, INC.,
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    AMERICAN STORES COMPANY,
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    WALMART STORES, INC.,
    DOMINICK'S FINER FOODS,
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    INC., DRYPERS CORPORATION,
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     KIMBERLY-CLARK CORPORATION, )
    AND CONFAB HOLDING
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    CORPORATION,
            Defendants.
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6 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: My name is Slawomir Kojro. I'm average skill in the field of designing disposable 2 a video technician for Depovision located at 20 North 2 diapers? Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. The date is May 25, 3 A Yes. 4 2000. The time is 10:09 a.m. Q I'm going to hand you Defendant's Exhibit 3, We are present here today at One First National 5 which is a design application filed with the United Plaza, Chicago, Illinois, with reference to the case States Patent Office. This is a design application that 6 entitled Rhonda Tracy -v- Jewel Food Stores, you filed with the Patent Office in 1987; is that 8 8 Incorporated, et al., pending in the United States correct? 9 District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Eastern A That's correct. 10 Division, Case No. 99 C 2736. The witness is Rhonda 10 Q Does your signature appear on the first page of the design application? 11 Tracy. 12 A It does. 12 An audiovisual recording of this deposition is 13 at the request of the defendant. 13 Q I'm handing you Defendant's Exhibit 4. This is 14 One moment, please. Will the court reporter a Declaration, Petition and Power of Attorney that you signed on March 2, 1987; is that correct? 15 identify herself and swear in the witness. 16 RHONDA TRACY. 16 A That's correct. 17 called as a witness herein, having been first duly 17 Q At the top of the first page it states in the sworn, was examined upon oral interrogatories and first sentence of text that you believe you are the 19 testified as follows: original, first and sole inventor of the invention 20 **EXAMINATION** entitled An Ornamental Design for a Disposable Diaper. by Mr. Baumgartner: 21 21 Do you see that? 22 MR. BAUMGARTNER: O We're subject to a five-hour 22 A Yes, I do. time limit today, and we can't pose all the questions 23 Q If you turn back to your design patent 24 that we have of the witness, but we're going to try and application, which is Defendant's Exhibit 3, do you see 7 make a good start. that -- would it be correct to say that its title is An 2 Would you state your name, please. 2 Ornamental Design for a Disposable Diaper? 3 A Rhonda Tracy. 4 Q I've handed you what's been marked as 4 Q Is it correct that the Declaration, Petition and Defendant's Exhibit 1. It is U.S. Patent 5,797,824 the Power of Attorney, which is Defendant's Exhibit 4, was 6 inventor of this patent is Rhonda Tracy of Glen Ellyn, submitted in connection with your design patent 7 Illinois. Is that you? 7 application, Defendant's Exhibit 3? A Yes. 8 8 A Yes. O I'd now like to hand you what's been marked as Q Near the top of the first page of Defendant's Defendant's Exhibit 2. It's U.S. Patent 5,064,421. Are Exhibit 4 is some text that I have highlighted in you the inventor on this patent as well? yellow. It reads as follows: "I have reviewed and I 12 understand the contents of the specification, including Q Are there any other issued patents where you are 13 the claims." Do you see that? 13 14 the named inventor? 14 A Yes, I do. 15 15 Q You understand that that statement is made in Q Apart from the diaper designs described in reference to your 1987 design application? 16 17 Defendant's Exhibit 1 and Defendant's Exhibit 2, have 17 A Correct. you come up with any other designs for a disposable 18 Q Was the highlighted statement true back in 1987 19 19 when you signed Defendant's Exhibit 4? diaper? 20 20 A No, I have not. 21 Q Do you consider yourself to be a disposable 21 Q Would it be correct today that you still 22 diaper designer? understand the specification and claims in your design

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patent application?

A Yes, I do.

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A Now I am, yes, sir.

Q Would you consider yourself to be of at least

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A (Indicating.)

Q Would you take this blue felt-tip and write soft

padding member next to what you've highlighted. You

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10 Q Let's refer back now to Defendant's Exhibit 3. only need to do it on one side. A Okay. 2 which is your design patent application. Q Could you sign your name and write the date. 3 3 A Uh-huh. which I believe is --MR. MANZO: Counsel, just for the record, I'm sorry for interrupting your line of questioning, but we should MR. MANZO: May 25. MR. BAUMGARTNER: Q May 25th. have appearances at least of what companies are A (Indicating.) represented here today. 7 Q Thank you. Back in 1987 do you believe that a MR. BAUMGARTNER: All right, that's fine. 8 diaper designer reading your design patent application For Kimberly-Clark I'm Bill Baumgartner, and 9 would have understood that the area you have highlighted 10 several people are accompanying me who can identify was soft? 11 themselves. 12 A Could you repeat the question? I'm sorry. MR. KAPPES: I'm Kyle Kappes with Kimberly-Clark. 12 O Sure. Back in 1987 do you believe that a diaper 13 MR. CASS: Russ Cass with Sidley & Austin 13 designer reading your design patent application would representing Kimberly-Clark. 14 have understood that the area you have highlighted was MR. BRODERSEN: John Brodersen with Kimberly-Clark. 15 MR. SMITH: Craig Smith of Fisher & Richardson 16 soft? 16 representing Confab Holding Corporation. 17 17 Q How would a diaper designer who read your design 18 MS. ADDISON: Linda Addison and Mike McCoy, 18 application in 1987 have known that the area you have Fulbright & Jaworski, representing Drypers. 19 highlighted was soft? 20 MR. MANZO: Okay. So no other defendants are 20 21 A Because it is extra padding, and padding is 21 represented today; is that correct? MR. BAUMGARTNER: Evidently. usually added for comfort. 22 23 Q How would a person looking at figure 2 know that MR. MANZO: And we will probably be getting into 23 what you have highlighted is padding? 24 confidential testimony. I think at some point we need 11 A Well, there's definitely a strip of an extra to designate the transcript as confidential pursuant to 1 member affixed to the waistband and to the legs as well. 2 the terms of the protective order. Q And a person of ordinary skill in the diaper art MR. BAUMGARTNER: That's agreeable to us. 3 3 MR. MANZO: My name is Edward Manzo. I represent back in 1987, if he saw a strip of an extra member added 4 in the waist region, would know that that was for the plaintiff. I'm accompanied by my summer associate, 5 padding? 6 Jeana Lervick. Proceed. A If he's an expert, I would hope that he would MR. BAUMGARTNER: Q Thank you, sir. 7 7 We're looking at Defendant's Exhibit 3, which know it's padding. 8 Q Well, I'm not talking about an expert now. I'm is your design patent application. Would you turn over 9 10 talking about an average diaper designer. Do you 10 to figure 2, please. 11 believe --A Yes. П A As myself do you mean? 12 O Does figure 2 show a soft padding member in the 12 Q Well, an average diaper designer back in 1987. 13 waist region? 13 A It definitely shows that there is some padding 14 Your belief is that if an average diaper designer saw a 14 15 strip of extra material in the waist region of a diaper. 15 that has been added. 16 that that average diaper designer would know that that O Does it show a soft padding member? 16 17 strip was for padding? A Well, any padding that's added to a baby diaper 17 A Just by looking at the design application, I 18 is commonly soft. So I would say yes. 18 19 would say yes. You're talking strictly about figure 2, Q Could you take this pink highlighter and 19 highlight for me the soft padding member in the waist 20 or are we talking as well figure 3? 20 Q Well, is there a difference in the analysis of 21 region that is shown in figure 2? 21

22 the two figures?

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A Well, I think that figure 3 does show that there

24 is a loop around here of an extra piece of material as

14 16 I well. padding, it would provide comfort and, yes, perhaps it Q So basically if an average diaper designer back would be soft. in 1987 sees a strip of extra material in the waist 3 Q It might or it might not be soft if it provides region, he would know that that strip was soft and was 4 padding? 5 5 A I would say more than likely it would be soft. MR. MANZO: Objection. Is your question limited to Q But you wouldn't know for sure? 7 the drawings of Exhibit 3, or are you asking an abstract A You know by tactile sensation, by touching it 8 question about any old diaper with any old strip on it? 8 usually. MR. BAUMGARTNER: It's a general question. 9 Q Well, you can't touch the padding element --10 MR. MANZO: Then I object to the question, 10 11 foundation and unduly vague, calls for speculation. H Q -- in your design patent application --12 THE WITNESS: Okay? 12 A Right. 13 MR. BAUMGARTNER: Q You can now answer. Would you . 13 Q -- because it's just a drawing on a piece of 14 like the question read back? 14 paper. 15 THE WITNESS: If I may rethink this, I would have to 15 A Well, and then going back to what you were say the word soft perhaps is questionable in a design 16 saying about padding, padding is usually added for 17 application. comfort. So I'd have to say, yes, more than likely it 18 MR. BAUMGARTNER: Q So a person of ordinary skill 18 would be soft. 19 in the art looking at the design application would not 19 Q So if a person who's an average diaper designer 20 necessarily know that the region you have highlighted in 20 in 1987 sees something in a diaper design that he 21 pink is soft? 21 understands to be padding, he may or may not understand 22 A Perhaps not. 22 that the padding would be soft? 23 Q But you do believe that a person of ordinary 23 A Perhaps just by looking at the picture itself he 24 skill in the art in 1987, looking at your design 24 may not understand that. 15 17 application, would understand that the region you've Q Is there anything in the text of your design 2 highlighted in pink provided padding? patent application that would indicate to a person who was an average diaper designer in 1987 that the area 3 A Provided padding. Q And can you explain for me why that is? you've highlighted in pink would be soft? A Well, it clearly shows that there is a new A May I read? margin on each side of the diaper and on the leg holes Q Certainly, yes. as well. And it seems to be in a more bold fashion, I A Okay. Counsel, could you please ask that guess you could say, than the other areas of the diaper question again? along the legs and the waistband. Q Certainly. Is there anything in the written 10 Q Can something provide padding and not be soft? text of your design application, which is Defendant's 11 MR. MANZO: Is this question directed to diapers, Exhibit 3, which would have indicated to an average 12 Counsel? 12 diaper scientist in 1987 that the region you've colored 13 MR. BAUMGARTNER: No, it's in general. 13 pink was soft? 14 THE WITNESS: I believe if you look in the A There is nothing in the text, sir. dictionary about the word pad, you'll find that it's 15 MS. ADDISON: Could I have that answer -- Could I 15 something that's added to provide comfort. I don't have 16 have that answer read back, please. 17 a dictionary right in front of me, but I do recall it 17 (Record read.) stated something close to that definition. 18 MR. BAUMGARTNER: Q The claim in your design patent MR. BAUMGARTNER: Q If something provides padding. 19 application appears on the first page of Defendant's 20 is it soft? Exhibit 3. It says there, and I quote, "I claim the 21 A In order for something to be comfortable, I ornamental design for a disposable diaper as shown in

22 the drawings." Do you see that?

Q All right. Now, we looked before at Defendant's

A Yes.

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22 would believe it has to be soft. So the dictionary

24 it be comfortable? So I would have to say if it's

23 clearly states comfort. So if something was hard, would

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A Yes.

Q At the time you signed this declaration did you

believe the statements in the declaration to be true?

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18 Exhibit 4, which you signed in 1987, and you said there ı Q Why don't you take a moment now to review the "I have reviewed and understand the contents of the declaration and let me know when you're finished. specification, including the claims." Do you recall 3 A Okay, I'm finished. 4 that? Q As of today, do you believe the statements in 5 A Yes. the declaration to be true? 6 Q Is it correct that in order to be covered by the A Yes. 7 claim in your design patent application a diaper would Q Would you take a look at paragraph 2 in your have to have a soft padding member? 8 declaration. There you state, and I quote, "on or about 9 MR. MANZO: Objection, this calls for a legal October 11, 1988 it came to my attention that Proctor & 10 conclusion. She's not tendered as a patent law expert. Gamble Company of Cincinnati, Ohio was distributing 11 MR. BAUMGARTNER: Q As you understood the claim disposable diapers which I believe to be an infringement 12 based on your statement to the Patent Office that you 12 of the claim in my pending application." Do you see 13 read it and understood it. 13 that? 14 A May I reread it? 14 A Yes. 15 O Sure. 15 Q Did the Proctor & Gamble diaper that you 16 A Sir, if I may answer in this way, which is I referred to in paragraph 2 of your declaration have a 17 never wanted a design application to begin with. I 17 soft padding member? wanted a utility patent. And Mr. Van Epps, who filed 18 A Yes, it did. 19 this application, he and I were in a disagreement from 19 Q. Can you describe the soft padding member? A It was a separate strip that was clearly 20 the beginning. 20 21 And I had showed him my disclosure document, 21 distinct in the waistband. 22 which had all of my explanations there before him 22 Q What did you do to evaluate the Proctor & Gamble describing the diaper, and he still insisted on filing diaper to see if it had the soft padding member you 24 as a design application. So that is my answer. invented? 19 Q All right. And I appreciate that information. A To the best of my recollection back then, I 2 Can you tell me whether you know whether in order to be believe I cut into the waistband and tore apart the covered by a claim in the design -- the claim in the different batting materials to see if there was an extra 4 design patent application a diaper would have to have a strip of padding within the waistband. 5 soft padding member? 5 Q Once you found the extra strip of padding, did 6 A I'd say yes. you feel it? Q Now. I'm handing you what has been marked as A Yes. Defendant's Exhibit 5. This is a Declaration in Support Q Did it feel soft? 9 of a Petition to Make Special Under Rule 102(d). A Yes, it did. 10 Does your signature appear on the second page 10 Q Did it provide padding? 11 of this document? 11 A Yes, it did. 12 A Yes, it does. Yes, it does. 12 Q How could you tell that? 13 Q Did you sign this document on January 24, 1989? 13 A I could not only see it, but it felt soft, as I 14 said, to the touch. 15 15 Q Above your signature it states, and I quote, "I Q So if it feels soft to the touch, it provides declare that all statements made herein are true, and 16 16 padding? further, that these statements are made with the 17 17 A This particular instance it did. 18 knowledge that willful false statements and the like so 18 Q Is there any doubt in your mind, sitting here 19 made are punishable by fines or imprisonment", and that today, that the Proctor & Gamble diaper referred to in continues, closed quotes. Do you see that language? 20 20 paragraph 2 of your declaration had the soft padding A Yes, I do. 21 21 member you invented?

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A I believe it did.

Q So there's no doubt in your mind?

A It's a long time ago. I vaguely remember the

22 24 me tear this apart a little bit more if I may. incident, but I would have to say to the best of my 2 recollection. 2 O Sure. Q All right. Now, attached to your declaration is 3 A Yes, there is a soft batting material affixed to a picture of a baby wearing this Proctor & Gamble kind of like a sticky piece of plastic right behind it. Q Do you know what a top sheet is in a diaper? 5 diaper; is that correct? A Yes. 6 A Yes, I do. 6 Q Now, did that picture come from a photocopy you 7 Q That's the material that is in contact with the baby's body when the diaper is being worn? made of the diaper bag? 8 9 9 A Yes. A Yes. 10 Q You bought a bag of these diapers? 10 Q Is the soft padding member in Defendant's Exhibit 9 different from the top sheet? A Yes, I did. And I -- Well, I'm sorry. 11 11 A They're both soft. 12 12 O I didn't mean to --13 A No --13 Q No. Is it a different piece of material than 14 14 the top sheet? Q -- cut you off. A Does not -- Wait. Let me tear it apart a little 15 A And I copied the back of the diaper bag, I 15 16 believe it was at the Jewel at the time because they had 16 bit further here. 17 a copy machine right there. 17 No, I don't believe it is. 18 Q The top sheet in that diaper is colored white; Q This Jewel was in the Chicago area? 18 19 A In the western suburbs. 19 is that correct? 20 Q Of Chicago? 20 A Yes. 21 21 Q And the soft padding member is colored blue? A Yes. Q And you bought this bag of Proctor & Gamble 22 22 23 Q The fact that one is white and the other is 23 diapers in October of 1988; is that correct? A Yes, that's correct. 24 blue, doesn't that suggest they're physically different 24 23 25 Q So the Proctor & Gamble diapers that are pieces of material? 2 referred to in your declaration were on sale in the A Well, what they have done is they have United States in October of 1988? interwoven a piece of the plastic material to provide a barrier right there in the waistband strip. So they A Yes. Q I'm going to hand you what I have marked as 5 have weaved it differently. Defendant's Exhibit 9. This is one of the diapers that 6 They have affixed -- they have gone through the trouble of taking a certain width, which is, what, about 7 your counsel produced to us this morning. Can you tell me whether this is -an inch-and-a-half, and weaving this soft piece of MR. MANZO: What production number does it bear? 9 material to it. MR. BAUMGARTNER: I'm not sure. You can look at it 10 Q But you've managed to separate in this exhibit 10 11 and tell us. the top sheet material from the soft padding material; MR. MANZO: It's supposed to have a production 12 is that correct? 13 number. T2799. 13 A Yes. MR. BAUMGARTNER: Q Thank you. Q Do you know what a back sheet is in a disposable 14 14 15 Is this one of the Proctor & Gamble diapers 15 dianer?

18 A Yes. 19 MR. MANZO: What was the question? 20 (Record read.) 21 MR. MANZO: Thank you.

Defendant's Exhibit 5?

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16 referred to in paragraph 2 of your declaration.

MR. BAUMGARTNER: Q Could you show us where in this 22

23 diaper the soft padding member is located?

A I believe it's right here, the blue strip. Let 24

A Yes.

18 when the parent is holding the infant?

19 A Yes.

20 Q All right. Now, is the soft padding member a

21 different piece of material from the back sheet?

22 A Oh, yes, it is.

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Proctor & Gamble diaper, Exhibit 9, is formed from a

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17 Q That's the outer cover that touches the parent

Q I take it that the soft padding member in this

waistband?

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26 28 soft substance? 1 A No. 2 A Yes. 2 Q In the Proctor & Gamble diaper does the soft 3 Q Does the soft padding member in the Proctor & padding member present a soft surface at the inside of Gamble diaper, Defendant's Exhibit 9, present a soft 4 the diaper waistband? 5 surface along at least a portion of the inside of the 5 A Yes. 6 diaper waistband portion? Q In the Proctor & Gamble diaper does the padding 7 7 A Yes, it does. member extend along an exposed surface of the waistband? 8 Q Does the Proctor & Gamble diaper have a plastic 8 A Again, Counsel. Does it extend along the 9 layer edge? exposed surface? 10 A Yes, it does. 10 Q Of the waistband, yes. 11 Q Does the soft padding member in the Proctor & 11 A Yes, it does. Q In the Proctor & Gamble diaper does the padding 12 Gamble diaper present a soft surface along at least a 12 portion of the inside of the diaper waistband portion member form a soft surface for contact with the skin of 13 the individual at at least one of the border edges? 14 despite the plastic layer edge? 14 15 A Despite the plastic layer edge? 15 A Yes, it does. 16 Q Yes. 16 Q I'd now like to hand you what's been marked as 17 A Yes, it does. 17 Defendant's Exhibit 6. Is this a letter you wrote to an Q In the Proctor & Gamble diaper is the soft examiner in the U.S. Patent Office in February of 1989? 18 19 padding member parallel to the waistband? 19 20 A Yes, it is. 20 Q Does your signature appear at the bottom of this 21 Q In the Proctor & Gamble diaper does the soft 21 22 padding member provide an additional absorbent barrier 22 A Yes, it does. 23 against leakage? 23 Q I'd like to direct your attention to the third 24 A Yes. 24 paragraph from the end. There you say, and I quote, 27 Q In the Proctor & Gamble diaper is the soft "Huggies and Pampers are among the diaper companies that padding member located only along the waistband at the 2 Mr. Van Epps searched that never contained any padding. inside of the diaper? My son used to get skin abrasions from the A Well, there are other soft padding members in plastic waistband and leg areas. Now, Pampers and 5 the diaper. 5 Huggies are padding those areas." Do you see that? Q Let's talk about the blue soft padding member 6 A Yes, I do. 7 that you've mentioned to us that's in the waist area. Q Did you believe that to be a true statement when 8 Is that blue soft padding member located only along the you wrote it in February of 1989? waistband at the inside of the diaper? 10 A Yes, it appears to be only at the waist -- Wait 10 Q Would you turn to the page that I've numbered 31 a minute. Excuse me, Counsel, I may have answered that 11 11 down in the bottom right. 12 too quickly. I just want to see how high this goes up. 12 13 It goes not -- it not only goes from the 13 Q Is this a photocopy of the outside of a Huggies waistband, which is right near the plastic edge, but it 14 14 diaper package? actually goes below the waist area. It goes about an 15 inch below. I'm referring to this as being the 16 16 Q Did you buy this package of Huggies diapers 17 waistband area and below here as well. 17 before you sent your letter to the examiner on February 18 Q Would it be correct to say that the blue soft 10. 1989? 19 padding member is located substantially only along the 19 20 waistband at the inside of the diaper? 20 Q Did you buy this package of Huggies diapers here 21 A It's on the waist area and the abdomen area as 21 in the Chicago area? 22 22 A Yes, I did. 23 Q So would it be substantially only along the 23 Q There's some handwriting on this page. Is that

24 your handwriting?

Q So as best you can tell, Defendant's Exhibit 7A

embodies the diapers that you had in 1989 when you wrote

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34 36 another diaper. But it was also a separate strip. to the examiner. Defendant's Exhibit 6? 2 A I would say it's very close to that, yes. And this has more of a -- it's not foam. I'm 2 3 not really sure exactly what that is, but it's Q And you can't point to any differences sitting 4 here today? definitely soft. A Not going that far back. 5 Q Since I represent Kimberly-Clark, I was able to 6 Q All right. Let me ask you some questions about ask Kimberly-Clark to supply me with a Huggies diaper made in February of 1989. And I'm going to hand you Defendant's Exhibit 7A, and if you'd like to refer to 7 the diaper in connection with each question, please feel that diaper now. It's been marked as Defendant's 8 9 Exhibit 7A, with the representation to you that it was free to do that. 10 Can you just confirm for us that Defendant's manufactured in February of 1989. 10 11 Exhibit 7A has a soft padding member? Can you look at Defendant's Exhibit 7A and tell 11 A Yes, it does. me whether that resembles the diaper referred to in your 12 letter to the examiner, Defendant's Exhibit 6. 13 O And that would be in the waist region? 14 A It's in the waistband. A May I tear it apart? 14 Q And can you describe the soft padding member for 15 15 A Did you want to see this as well? 16 us? 16 A The soft padding member is right in between the 17 MR. MANZO: You go ahead. 17 top lining, or the bat. It's adjacent to the plastic THE WITNESS: Okay. Now you want me to compare this 18 18 edge, and it sits in between the back covering of 19 19 one with that one, is that what you're asking? MR. BAUMGARTNER: Q No. My question is, is 20 plastic and in between the top batting portion. 20 21 Q Is the soft padding member in Defendant's Defendant's Exhibit 7A, as best you can recall it, 22 Exhibit 7A formed from a soft substance? identical to the diaper that you referred to in your 22 A Yes, it is. letter to the examiner which has been marked as 23 24 Q Does the soft padding member present a soft 24 Defendant's Exhibit 6? 37 35 surface along at least a portion of the inside of the A I would say it's very similar. Q Are there any differences that you can point to 2 diaper waistband portion? 2 A The waistband portion, yes. sitting here today? 3 Q Does this diaper have a plastic layer edge? A Differences between what? 4 Q Defendant's Exhibit --5 A Yes, it does. 5 A Between that diaper and what I'm referring to O Does the soft padding member present a soft 6 surface along at least a portion of the inside of the 7 7 diaper waistband portion despite the plastic layer edge? Q -- 7A and the diaper you had in your hands in 8 8 9 A Yes. 9 February of 1989 when you wrote the letter to the Q Now, can you tell me whether the soft padding 10 examiner which is Defendant's Exhibit 6. member is different from the top sheet, made from a A That was a long time ago, but, as I said 11 11 different piece of material? 12 earlier, Huggies made more than one kind of diaper that A Yes. Well, made from a different piece of had separate strips within the waistband. That's the 13 material? I can't really say because I'm not an expert 14 best answer I can give you. 14 Q So you can't think of a difference sitting here 15 in all different types of materials, but it is soft. 15 The top sheet is soft. And it could be made of today, but it's conceivable that there are some? 16 16 A Some differences between the diapers that I was something different. I just don't know that. But I 17 17 18 thinking of back then in 1989? 18 know it is soft. Q I don't think I made my question clear. Putting Q And Defendant's Exhibit 7A, correct. 19 19 20 aside whether the material that is used to make the top A It appears -- to the best of my recollection, it 20 sheet is the same or different from the material used to 21 had separate strips just like I'm seeing now before me make the soft padding member, is the soft padding member 22 22

physically distinct from the top sheet?

A Yes, it is.

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I'm not sure, you know, which one of your diapers it

there might have been a little very soft foam strip as

well, but I'm not exactly -- that could have been in

was, because you make several kinds, but it seemed like

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30 A Yes. 1 Defendant's Exhibit 7. This, again, is one of the 2 Q Can you read us what the handwriting says? diapers that your counsel produced for us this morning. 3 A This area has extra padding/now lining I believe Can you tell us whether this is a sample of the 4 Huggies diaper referred to in your letter to the Q And what idea did you intend to convey when you 5 examiner. Defendant's Exhibit 6? wrote that? 6 A This one's marked 1998. It seems very similar. 7 A I was trying to show that there was extra And here is the extra padding member, the green piece padding in the waistband. 8 8 here. Q Did the Huggies diaper referred to in your 9 No, not the green piece, excuse me. It is the 10 letter to the examiner and shown in this picture that 10 white piece. Correction on there. In front of this we've been looking at on the page numbered 31, did that 11 12 Huggies diaper have a soft padding member? Q Now, Defendant's Exhibit 7 has got a little green piece of paper stapled to it that says Huggies 13 A Yes, it did. 14 Q Where was the soft padding member located? 1998. Do you know whose handwriting appears on that 15 A Inside the waistband. green sheet? A I have to look at it again. I believe it might 16 Q Can you describe the soft padding member as you 17 recall it? be -- That is not mine. I do not write like that. Q Do you know where that green sheet of paper came 18 A From what I remember, it was different than the 18 19 Pampers. I believe at that time it was a more distinct 19 from? 20 strip. The strips not being identical, of course, 20 A I'm not exactly --MR. MANZO: Don't all the diapers come with that? 21 referring to Pampers and Huggies. 21 22 Q How did you know that the strip in the Huggies 22 THE WITNESS: I'm not exactly sure. I can't 23 diaper was soft? 23 remember who affixed this to the diaper. MR. BAUMGARTNER: Q But from looking at this diaper 24 A I tore it apart as well. 31 1 Q And you felt it? your recollection would be that it has the same soft 2 padding member that you saw in the diaper that you 3 Q And it felt soft to you? referred to in your letter to the examiner, Defendant's A It felt soft. Exhibit 62 5 Q How did you know that that strip was padding? A Ask that again, Counsel. A Because, as I said before, in the dictionary 6 Q Does Defendant's Exhibit 7 have the same soft term you add something to provide padding. So it was padding member that was contained in the Huggies diaper clearly added in the waistband. 8 you referred to in your letter to the examiner, 9 Q Did it provide cushioning in the waist area? Defendant's Exhibit 6? 10 10 A Oh, ves. 11 Q Now, thinking back on the Huggies diaper Q Is there any difference that you can point to 12 referred to in your letter to the examiner, Defendant's 12 between the Huggies diaper, which is Defendant's Exhibit Exhibit 6, is there any doubt in your mind that this 7, and the diaper, as you recall it, that is referred to 14 diaper had the sort of soft padding member that you in your letter to the examiner, Defendant's Exhibit 6? 15 invented? A Well, this appears to be very close to what I 16 A Is there any doubt that this particular diaper 16 was referring to back then. 17 on page 31? 17 Q Can you think of any differences between 18 Q Yes, correct. 18 Defendant's Exhibit 7 and the diapers that you had in 19 A I believe -- at the time I believe it to have 19 1989 when you wrote to the examiner? 20 the soft padding member. A There appear to be another Huggies diaper, and

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22 belief?

A Yes.

Q And sitting here today, is that still your

Q I'm going to hand you what's been marked as

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Q Is the soft padding member physically distinct from the back sheet?

3 A Yes, it is.

4 Q In the Huggies diaper, Defendant's Exhibit 7A.

5 is the soft padding member parallel to the waistband?

6 A Yes, it is.

Q Does the soft padding member provide an

8 additional absorbent barrier against leakage?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Is the soft padding member located only along

11 the waistband at the inside of the diaper?

12 A The soft padding member only located at the

13 waistband? There is a soft padding member in between

14 the leg areas. I just thought that was kind of a

15 general question. Sorry.

16 Q Let me ask it better. I see the ambiguity here

17 you're concerned about.

18 I'm talking now about the blue soft padding

19 member in the waist region.

20 A Yes.

21 Q With respect to that, is that soft padding

22 member located only along the waistband at the inside of

23 the diaper?

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24 A Yes, it's only at the waistband.

l A As I said earlier, I was very unhappy that he

2 filed an ornamental design as opposed to a utility

3 patent application.

4 Q Do you recall thinking that there was a problem

5 with the design application because it did not indicate

6 where the extra padding in your design was located?

7 A I was not happy with the fact that there was no

8 explanation that is provided through a design

9 application as there is in a utility patent.

10 Q Did you believe that your attorney should have

11 indicated where the extra padding was located when he

12 wrote the design application?

A Well, as I said, in a design application that

14 doesn't usually occur, and he and I did have a

15 disagreement about that. But I wanted a filing date as

16 soon as possible, so I went along with what he wanted to

17 do.

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18 Q If you take a look at Defendant's Exhibit 6,

19 which is this document right here I believe, if you look

20 at the fourth paragraph, you write there "he" -- This is

21 in reference to Mr. Van Epps, your attorney; is that

22 correct?

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23 A I believe so.

24 Q "He should have indicated where the extra

Q Now, does that particular soft padding member in

2 the waist region present a soft surface at the inside of

3 the diaper waistband?

4 A You said waist region. I consider region

5 continuous space. This is in the waistband.

6 O So --

7 A I would have to say region is one thing,

8 waistband, to me, is another.

9 O The soft padding member that we're talking

10 about, does that present a soft surface at the inside of

11 the diaper waistband?

12 A At the diaper waistband, yes.

13 O Does the padding member that we're talking about

14 here extend along an exposed surface of the waistband?

15 A Extend along the exposed surface?

16 Q Yes.

17 A Yes, it does.

18 Q Does the padding member that we're talking about

19 form a soft surface for contact with the skin of the

20 individual at at least one of the border edges?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Did you ever think there was a problem with your

23 design application because it did not indicate where the

24 extra padding in your design was located?

1 padding is located." Do you see that?

A Yes.

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3 Q This is in reference to the design application

4 that Mr. Van Epps wrote?

5 A Right.

6 Q Why did you believe that Mr. Van Epps should

7 have indicated where the extra padding is located?

8 A Because maybe I failed to mention in this letter

9 that he should have filed the utility patent. Miss

10 Stella Reed and I actually had a conversation, and she

il clearly let me know that it should have been a utility

12 patent. So I was writing back to her explaining how I

13 was upset with Mr. Van Epps.

Q And one of the reasons you were upset was

15 because, in your view, he should have indicated in the

16 design application where the extra padding is located?

17 A Well, maybe I didn't phrase it right in the

18 letter, sir, but what I meant by this letter was that he

19 basically should have filed a utility patent.

20 Q Another concern you had was that you should have

21 urged your patent lawyer to make a better drawing and/or

22 give some detail in your design patent application; is

23 that right?

24 A Again, you know, design patent application I

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Q I'm going to hand you what's been marked as

Defendant's Exhibit 11. This is just a plastic garbage

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42 realize doesn't provide any explanation. bag that I borrowed from my wife this morning. I guess 2 Q Any explanation of what? she's not going to get it back. But it's just a regular 3 A Of the diaper and the different features of the 3 plastic garbage bag. 4 4 Would you consider the surface of this plastic 5 Q And that was true of your design patent 5 garbage bag to be soft? 6 application? A It's somewhat soft. 7 A Yes. 7 Q And how do you know it's soft? Q I'm going to hand you a piece of sandpaper, 8 A By touching it. which I've marked as Defendant's Exhibit 10. Now, the Q And what is it when you touch it that tells you 10 piece of sandpaper has a paper side and an abrasive 10 it's soft? side. Would you consider either side to be soft? 11 A By the way it feels. 12 A No. 12 Q Would you consider the plastic garbage bag to 13 Q Would you consider this piece of sandpaper to 13 provide padding? provide padding on either side? 14 A It could. 15 A That depends. It depends on what you're trying 15 Q Would it provide padding in the context of a 16 to provide padding for I would think. waist in a disposable diaper? 16 17 Q Well, let's suppose we're trying to provide 17 A It could. padding for the waistband of a disposable diaper worn by 18 18 Q Would you consider the plastic garbage bag to be 19 infants 19 brittle? 20 A You wouldn't put in sandpaper. 20 A No. 21 Q So this piece of sandpaper would not provide 21 Q Would you consider the plastic garbage bag to be 22 padding in that content? 22 hard? 23 A No, it would not. 23 24 Q Do you consider this piece of sandpaper to be 24 Q Is it true that a material like the plastic used 43 45 brittle? 1 in this garbage bag has been used to make the outer 2 A Brittle? cover of disposable diapers? 2 3 O Yes. 3 A It's very similar, yes. 4 A Somewhat. 4 Q Now if you feel the edge of the plastic garbage 5 Would you consider this piece of sandpaper to be 5 bag, is the edge soft? hard? 6 A Somewhat. 7 A Hard? I would say stiff. 7 Q Would you consider that edge to be abrasive? 8 Q You wouldn't say hard? A It depends on what you would affix to that edge. 9 A Not as hard as the table, but stiff. It might become abrasive if you were to affix elastic to 10 Q Can you fold this piece of sandpaper? 10 it. Then it might be abrasive then. 11 Q Now, this plastic garbage bag is capable of 12 Q So it would be correct to say that this piece of 12 curvature; is that correct? 13 sandpaper is capable of curvature? 13 A Yes. 14 A Yes. 14 Q It would be possible to attach a strip of the 15 Q Now, it would be possible to attach a strip of 15 garbage bag material to the waist region of a diaper, 16 sandpaper to the waist region of a diaper, correct? 16 correct? 17 A It would be possible? 18 Q Yes. 18 Q One could wrap the strip of garbage bag material 19 A Yes. 19 from the inside to the outside of the diaper? 20 Q And one could wrap the strip of sandpaper from 20 A Yes. 21 the inside to the outside of the diaper? 21 Q If one wrapped the strip of garbage bag material 22 A Yes. 22 from the inside to the outside of the diaper in the

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waist region, would it provide padding?

A It could.

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46 whether it did or did not? Q Would it provide a cushion effect? A Make it soft? Or provide padding you're saying? A It could. 2 O Do you know what -- Strike that. We've talked Q Provide padding, yes. 3 A I imagine if it wasn't present at all, it about what a diaper liner is. wouldn't provide any padding. A Uh-huh. Q If the material was present and it had the Q In your experience as a diaper designer, is finish of diaper liner material, would it provide diaper liner material always soft? padding? A Is diaper liner material always soft? I would A Yes, because, again, as I said, to pad is to add say now they've made great improvements and they're more 10 careful with the materials they use. П Q Was there a time when -- Strike that. Have you 11 Q Let me hand you what's been marked as 12 Defendant's Exhibit 8. Can you take a look at this 12 ever felt diaper liner material that was not soft? diaper, and if you'd like to tear it apart, please feel A When it became more abrasive is when it was 13 free to do that. What I'd like you to do is tell me 14 affixed to elastic, bringing the threads and the fibers 15 closer together, giving it a rougher surface. 15 whether this diaper has a soft padding member. 16 MR. MANZO: What exhibit number is that? Q And when is the last time you touched diaper 16 17 MR. BAUMGARTNER: It is exhibit, beg your pardon, 8. 17 liner material that you thought was not soft? 18 A The last time when I thought it was not soft? MR. MANZO: Thank you. 19 Back in 1986 when I came up with the idea to add extra 19 THE WITNESS: Appears to have a soft padding member. 20 MR. BAUMGARTNER: Q Can you describe for us what 20 padding. you believe the soft padding member to be? 21 21 Q Was there a particular product that had diaper A Well, once you take a soft piece of material, 22 liner material that was not soft? A A particular product? Yes, I believe it was such as this is, it's not hard, and then you also add 24 another piece of material to it, it becomes soft. 24 Pampers at that time. 47 Q So the soft padding member is a material that is Q And was the diaper liner material not soft in a 1 between the top sheet and the back sheet in the waist certain region of the diaper or throughout the area 2 region and it has vertical lines of perforations? where the diaper liner material could be touched? 3 A Well, I would -- the perforations, if this stood 4 A It was not particularly soft in the waistband by itself without this material to it, it could be 5 area where I felt it should have been softer. rougher as you could see because of the holes. But Q Let me ask you to look once more at -- Strike 6 7 because this is affixed to it, it makes it soft. 7 that 8 Q But the material with the holes is what you 8 If a material has the finish of diaper liner would consider the soft padding member? 9 material -- Do you understand what that means? 10 A Yes, it's the padding member. 10 A Diaper liner material? 11 Q In Defendant's Exhibit 8, is the soft padding 11 O Yes. 12 member that we've been discussing physically distinct 12 A Yes. Q You understand what it means to talk about a 13 from the top sheet? 13 14 A Yes, the material on the inside seems to be 14 material having a certain finish? 15 physically distinct. 15 A Uh-huh. 16 Q Yes? 16 Q Is the soft padding member we've been discussing physically distinct from the back sheet? 17 17 A Yes. A May I see that one more time, Edward? Thank 18 18 Q If material has the finish of diaper liner 19 19 material, will it provide padding? you. 20 Yes, it's distinct from the back sheet as well. 20 A It could. 21 Q Is there any doubt in your mind that this diaper 21 Q And when you say it could, what do you mean?

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A I think it does.

has the sort of soft padding member that you invented?

Q Is the soft padding member we've been discussing

A It could. It's not limited to thickness

Q What would be the factors that would affect

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necessarily.

52 50 formed from a soft substance? 1 1 A. Lih-huh. 2 A Yes. Q You understand that at the end of the patent are 3 Q Does a soft padding member present a soft a series of numbered paragraphs called claims? 4 4 surface along at least a portion of the inside of the A Yes. diaper waistband portion? 5 MR. MANZO: Counsel, we've been going about an hour. 5 In your transition to another topic, would it be 6 A Yes. 7 Q Does this diaper have a plastic layer edge? appropriate for a break at this point? 8 8 MR. BAUMGARTNER: Certainly. 9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record 11:09. 9 Q Does the soft padding member in this diaper present a soft surface along at least a portion of the 10 (Recess was taken.) 10 inside of the diaper waistband portion despite the 11 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: On the record 11:26. MR. BAUMGARTNER: Q I'm going to hand you plastic layer edge? 12 12 A Yes. 13 Defendant's Exhibit 7 once again. Can you tell me 13 whether this exhibit has soft padding members located 14 Q In this diaper is the soft padding member parallel to the waistband? 15 along the leg holes to provide a soft surface at the leg 15 16 A Yes. 16 holes? 17 Q In this diaper does the soft padding member A No. 17 18 provide an additional absorbent barrier against leakage? 18 Q Let me hand you Defendant's Exhibit 7A. Does 19 Defendant's Exhibit 7A have soft padding members located along the leg holes to provide a soft surface at the leg 20 Q In this diaper is the soft padding member 21 located only along the waistband at the inside of the 21 holes? 22 22 A No. A Only at the waistband? It appears to be only on 23 Q Let me hand you Defendant's Exhibit 8. Does 23 that have soft padding members located along the leg the waistband. 51 53 Q In this diaper does the soft padding member holes to provide a soft surface at the leg holes? 1 present a soft surface at the inside of the diaper 2 A No. waistband? 3 Q Let me hand you Defendant's Exhibit 9. Does 3 4 A Yes. that have soft padding members located along the leg Q Does the padding member extend along an exposed 5 holes to provide a soft surface at the leg holes? surface of the waistband? 6 6 A No. 7 A Yes. 7 Q Let me hand you Defendant's Exhibit 12. Does Q Can you explain for us why that is? 8 that have soft padding members located along the leg A Well, here's your exposed surface, and it 9 holes to provide a soft surface at the leg holes? 10 extends inside of that exposed surface, right up here to 10 A Yes. Q And what is the soft padding member located 11 11 12 Q So the exposed surface is the very top of the 12 along the leg holes that provides --13 waisthand? 13 A May I -- Okay. A Well, yes. The exposed area, of course, comes 14 14 Q -- a soft surface at the leg holes? 15 all the way up to the edge, as well as the inside 15 A In this portion there is no extra padding. 16 padding member does. 16 There is an extra layer that's not affixed to it, but O In this diaper does the padding member form a 17 17 soft surface for contact with the skin of the individual 18 18 Q You're referring to the elasticized flap 19 at at least one of the border edges? 19 that's --20 20 A Yes. 21 Q I'd like to ask you to look again now at 21 Q -- colored blue? 22 Defendant's Exhibit 1, which is the --22 A That does touch the leg hole area. 23 A Yes, 23 Q You believe that elasticized flap that's colored 24 Q -- patent you have filed suit on. blue is located along the leg holes?

54 56 Q Would it be correct to say that the padding 1 A Yes. member is adjacent to the absorbent core? O And you believe it provides a soft surface at 2 A Is it next to it? 3 3 the leg holes? Q Yes. 4 A Yes. Q Let's go back to Defendant's Exhibit 7A. Does MR. MANZO: Objection. Are you using the word 5 adjacent as it's used in the claims or in normal English that have a padding member that is adjacent to and does parlance or something different? 7 not overlap the absorbent core of the diaper? 8 A Adjacent to and does not overlap? Well, it MR. BAUMGARTNER: Q Just normal English parlance for the moment. doesn't seem to overlap. A Well, if you stand next to a desk -- if there's Q And you know what I mean when I say the 11 absorbent core of the diaper? II like two people standing next to a desk, you're adjacent 12 to it. If you're above it, are you really adjacent to 12 A Yes, I do. 13 it? I would say it's not directly adjacent to it. It's 13 Q That's the area that has fluff padding and 14 currently absorbent material that absorbs the liquid Q All right. Is it true that the padding member 15 body exudates from the baby? in Defendant's Exhibit 7 does not overlap the absorbent A Yes. 16 17 17 Q Let me hand you Defendant's Exhibit 8. In 18 A It does not overlap. 18 Defendant's Exhibit 8 is the padding member adjacent to 19 Q All right. Let me hand you Defendant's Exhibit 19 the absorbent core? 20 8. Is the padding member in that diaper adjacent to the A Which padding member are you speaking of? 20 21 O The one in the waist area. 21 absorbent core? A Again, it's above the absorbent core. Here's 22 22 A Is it adjacent to the absorbent core? 23 the absorbent core, and it's just above it. 23 Q Yes. Q Well, the distance is about a quarter-of-an-inch A It's just above the adjacent core. 57 55 from the top of the absorbent core and the bottom of the 1 Q Just above the absorbent core? padding member; is that correct? Q Does the padding member overlap the absorbent A That's right. 3 Q And if something is a quarter-of-an-inch apart, 4 core? 5 A Does the padding member overlap it? you would say it's not adjacent to it? A Well, as I said earlier, if you're above it, are 6 Q Yes. you really adjacent to it? I would have to say you have 7 A No. Q Let me hand you -- let me hand you Defendant's to be directly next to it to be adjacent to it. Exhibit 7. Is the padding member in the waist region in Q So it has to be touching? MR. MANZO: Objection, argumentative. 10 Defendant's Exhibit 7 adjacent to the absorbent core? 11 A Again, you keep saying region. I'm not going to THE WITNESS: So it has to be touching? No, you 12 agree that it's in the waist region. It's in the 12 don't have to be touching. MR. BAUMGARTNER: Q Can you give me some idea of 13 waistband. 14 how far apart something has to be in order not to be 14 Q Let me restate the question --15 A Okav. 15 adjacent? 16 A I see what you're saying. Again, I don't know Q -- and try to avoid that issue. 16 17 if you can distinguish if something is above it if it's 17 A Okay. 18 O Is the padding member in the waist area adjacent really adjacent to it. I picture adjacent being next to 19 it, which is different than being above it. 19 to the absorbent core? A It's in the waistband portion above the adjacent 20 Q Well, my pen is sitting -20 21 A It's like spacial concepts when you're teaching 21 core.

22 children; above, below, side.

24 desk. Isn't it true --

Q My pen is above the desk when it sits on the

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Q So it's adjacent to the absorbent core?A I'm sorry, I said it's in the waistband area.

24 Above the core is what I meant to say.

58 60 1 A It's on top, yes. 1 Q Yes. Q Isn't it true my pen is adjacent to the desk? 2 2 A I guess you could consider it a flap. A I can only answer it the same way I've answered 3 Q And the elasticized flap you would view as a it previously. 4 soft padding member? 5 Q You wouldn't consider that to be adjacent? 5 A This provides a soft surface. 6 A It's on top of the desk. 6 Q So it is a soft padding member? 7 Q All right. And it would not be adjacent to the 7 A I would say yes. 8 desk as you use that term, or as you understand it? Q And the soft padding member in Defendant's A As I'm visualizing the term adjacent, no. 9 Exhibit 13 is located along the leg holes? 10 Q In Defendant's Exhibit 8 does the padding member 10 A Yes. 11 overlap the absorbent core? 11 Q Would it be correct that the soft padding member 12 A No, it does not. located along the leg holes in Defendant's Exhibit 13 13 Q Let me hand you Defendant's Exhibit 9. Is the provides a soft surface at the leg holes? 13 14 padding member in that product adjacent to the absorbent 14 A Yes. 15 Q I'd like to now ask you to direct your attention 15 16 A Yes, it is. to Defendant's Exhibit 1, which is the patent that is in 16 17 Q Does the padding member in that product overlap 17 dispute in this case. 18 the absorbent core? 18 You understand that at the end of the patent 19 A Yes, it does. 19 are a series of numbered paragraphs called claims? 20 Q Let me hand you what's been marked as 20 21 Defendant's Exhibit 13. 21 Q Would you take a look at claim 1. 22 Can you tell me whether Defendant's Exhibit 13 22 A Yes. has soft padding members located along the leg holes to 23 23 Q You've read claim 1 before? provide a soft surface at the leg holes? 24 A Yes. 59 MR. MANZO: Counsel, can you identify Exhibit 13 for Q Would you say you're generally familiar with the 2 the record? terminology that's used in claim 1? MR. BAUMGARTNER: Q It's a diaper which has a taped 3 A Yes. 4 landing zone with bears holding balloons. And the Q Claim I talks about a soft padding member. Do 5 question is, does it have soft padding members located you see that? along the leg holes to provide a soft surface at the leg A Yes. 7 holes? Q In the diaper you invented is there a soft A It has a soft layer, but it's not distinct. padding member? It's not separate. It sits on top of it as the diaper A Yes. 10 closes and once the leg is inside the diaper. Q What is the function of the soft padding member 11 Q Does it have a soft -- Strike that. Does it in the diaper you invented? have soft padding members located along the leg holes to A What is the soft padding member? provide a soft surface at the leg holes? 13 Q No. The question is, what is the function of 14 A There's some additional material there which can the soft padding member? provide some padding, but as I said, it's not separate A Oh, it's to provide padding, and you could say or distinct. But there is some extra material there even a little bit of cushioning, but it's not limited to 17 once it is closed. 17 thickness. 18 If you're talking about this portion of the 18 If you look up in the dictionary, pad supports 19 diaper, there is none. But once this lays on top of it, cushion, cushion supports the word pad. It's a separate 20 I would say that there is. I have to distinguish it 20 strip located in the waistband specifically and is 21 21 distinct, meaning it is separate, from the other 22 Q So, again, this diaper has got an elasticized portions of the waistband. 23 flap next to the leg opening? Q In your invention why does the soft padding 24 A An elasticized flap? 24 member have to be soft?

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- A Because you would not put anything hard in a
- 2 baby diaper.
- 3 Q And that's because you don't want to abrade the
- 4 baby's skin?
- 5 A Correct.
- 6 O Now, in the Pampers product that had the liner
- 7 material that was not soft --
- 8 A Right.
- 9 Q -- in your experience, did that cause skin
- 10 abrasion to babies?
- 11 A At that time -- Yes. Just to answer your
- 12 question, yes.
- 13 O Now, in your invention how does the soft padding
- 14 member provide padding?
- 15 A Because, as I said, it's a separate strip that
- 16 provides comfort or cushioning, not limited to
- 17 thickness, making it more comfortable to the wearer.
- 18 Q Now, you said that the soft padding member can
- 19 provide padding and it's not limited to thickness. Can
- 20 you explain a little what you mean?
- 21 A Not limited to any specific size dimension, such
- 22 as, you know, if you want to just say quarter-of-an-inch
- 23 or an eighth-of-an-inch. It's not specific as to what
- 24 thickness it's supposed to be.

- 1 whether that material was soft or not?
 - 2 MR. MANZO: Could I have that question read back,
 - 3 please.

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- 4 (Record read.)
 - THE WITNESS: Are you speaking of the material I'm
- 6 referring to in my patent, or in the abrasions that I
- 7 was speaking of back in --
- 8 MR. BAUMGARTNER: Q No, just any material. Let's
- 9 suppose we give them -- there's a panel of 10 diaper
- 10 designers. We give them a material and we say is this
- 11 material soft? And then maybe we give them another
- 12 material and we say is this material soft, and we do
- 13 this for 10 different materials.
- 14 Is it your expectation that for each material
- 15 all 10 diaper designers would reach the same conclusion
- 16 after feeling the material?
- 17 A They may not reach the same conclusion.
- 18 Q Why do you say that?
- 19 A Well, just depends on I guess their tactile
- 20 sensation of the particular material they're feeling.
- 21 Q And that's going to differ --
 - A They may say this is a little soft, but it's
- 23 stiff, it's not appropriate for a baby diaper. I think
- 24 that's too broad of a question.

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- Q Now in order for something to provide padding,
- 2 does it have to have resiliency in the sense that you
- 3 could press down on it and it will give?
- A I'm not so sure if -- I would think it would
- 5 have some give to it, but not always.
- 6 Q So you can envision materials that would provide
- 7 padding and wouldn't have give?
- 8 A Let me think about that for a moment. Yes. A
- 9 situation in my Jeep, my leather seats happen to be very
- 10 hard. There is padding in there. And it really doesn't
- 11 have a lot of give to it. It appears to be very firm
- 12 when you sit on it.
- 13 O Now, if a person is a diaper designer and
- 14 looking at a particular material, how can that person
- 15 tell whether that material is soft as that word is used
- 16 in your patent?
- 17 A Well, by tactile sensation is how you know it's
- 18 soft.
- 19 Q What do you look for?
- 20 A Smoothness, soft, sort of -- comfortable I guess
- 21 is a good word for padding.
- 22 Q Is it your expectation that if the same material
- 23 were given to 10 different diaper designers back in the
- 24 late 1980s, that they would all be of one opinion as to

- Q The tactile sensation of one person might be
- 2 different from the tactile sensation --
- 3 A For different reasons. Like I said, it may not
- 4 have appliability to these diaper people or experts or
- 5 who you're referring to.
- 6 Q You need to let me finish my question or the
- 7 poor court reporter doesn't make a complete record. So
- 8 let me just try that again if I could.
 - A Okay.
- 10 O Is it the case that different diaper scientists
 - will have different degrees of tactile sensation so that
- 12 one scientist could feel a material and say, well, this
- 13 is on the borderline, but I wouldn't call this soft, and
- 14 another person could feel the material and say, well,
- 15 this is on the borderline, but I would say it is soft?
- 16 MR. MANZO: Objection, calls for speculation.
- 17 THE WITNESS: I still think that you could have
- 18 varying degrees of what is soft or what isn't. But I
- would have to say that they should come to the same
- 20 conclusion that it would be soft, which is appropriate
- 21 for a baby diaper.
- 22 MR. BAUMGARTNER: Q So if you gave the 10 diaper
- designers 10 different materials, you think they would
- 24 be able to agree on each material as to whether it was

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coherent record.

A Okay.

Q So let me try again, and then we'll have a more

Q Is it the case that you would need to feel a

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66 68 soft or not? diaper material after it had been incorporated into a 2 A I will say that they should be able to agree if diaper in order to tell whether, in that particular 3 it's soft. They may have some other factors to it, but application, the material was soft or not? I would have to say they may agree that it's soft. A We have to wait until it's completely assembled 5 Q They may agree. Is it possible they could is what you're saying? No, you wouldn't have to wait I 6 disagree? think until it's completely assembled. 7 A I guess it depends on the material. 7 I think you would have to have some foresight Q Can you think of a material that a diaper that maybe once it's mixed with other materials, it designer might have trouble telling whether it was soft could possibly change the consistency of it. You would 10 or not or that the different diaper designers might 10 have to do that beforehand. O So a material that was soft when you first felt 11 disagree on? 11 12 A Can I think of one? I do know that not all 12 it, after it was put into a diaper may no longer feel polyurethane foams are not always soft. Some are harder 13 13 14 than others. 14 A Depending on how it's manufactured. 15 Q So there might be a poly-foam material which one 15 Q So depending on how it's manufactured, you could 16 diaper designer would say is soft and another diaper take a soft material and after it's in the diaper it 17 designer would say after he felt it --17 would no longer be soft? 18 A Was not soft enough. 18 A As I said, I'm just going to repeat, you 19 Q -- was not soft enough? could -- if you didn't have the foresight to envision 19 20 A Possibly. what the outcome is going to be, yes, it could be harder 21 Q Do you think that the scientists at Proctor & 21 or more abrasive than you anticipated if you didn't have 22 Gamble who came up with the diaper liner material that 22 the foresight to begin with. you believed was not soft would have shared your view? 23 23 Q We've talked about the Proctor & Gamble diaper MR. MANZO: Objection, presupposes that it was liner material which in the region of the elastics was 67 1 scientists who came up with that. not soft in your view. Can you recall feeling any other 2 THE WITNESS: I would have to say, as I said 2 material in a disposable diaper that you would say was 3 earlier, just going back to once this material was 4 interwoven in the elastic -- We know that elastic can be A Other than the ones that I wanted to have 5 -stiff, it can be somewhat abrasive. Once it was woven 5 changed back in '86, is that what you're referring to? 6 into that elasticized material, it was really not soft Q Well, what are those? I'm not sure I know what 7 at that time, as soft as it should be for a baby diaper. you're talking about. 8 MR. BAUMGARTNER: Q So it's not enough to feel a A Well, I had a specific reason back then, as I material before it's put into the diaper; you have to explained earlier, because of the elastic in the diaper 10 wait and have the diaper assembled and then feel it in m at the waistband. 11 order to --Q And which diaper was this? 11 12 A You would have to because there's different 12 A As I said earlier, I believe it was Pampers at 13 factors that could change the outcome of it. Because if 13 that time. 14 you're going to take a piece of elastic and say, well, 14 O And the elastic at the waistband made the liner gee, this feels kind of soft on the outside, but then 15 material not soft? 16 you're weaving in different fibers and threads, it's 16 A Correct. 17 going to change the feel of that particular piece of O And you wanted to fix that? 17 18 elastic. 18 19 Q Once again, I didn't get my question all out. 19 Q Now, can you recall ever feeling any other 20 20 material in a disposable diaper, other than the body

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A I felt that in the leg hole areas it wasn't as soft as it should be for a baby. I felt it could use an

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side liner in the waist region in that Pampers diaper,

70 72 (Whereupon, this concludes the confidential extra feature. 2 Q And this was the Pampers diaper again or some 2 portion of the deposition.) 3 other diaper? 3 MR. BAUMGARTNER: In my view, Mrs. Tracy's duty of A I believe it was Pampers. 4 disclosure to the Patent Office requires the prompt 4 disclosure of this testimony to the Patent Office. And Q And again --A To the best of my recollection. I'm sorry. in fairness to you, Mrs. Tracy, I wanted to specifically Q This is back in 1986? mention this point so you could make a note of the need 7 8 A Yes. to send the examiner the material portions of this O All right. Now, the leg hole area you said was transcript after you receive a copy from the court not as soft as it could be. Would you have described 10 reporter. 11 that leg hole area as soft or not soft, or could you not 11 And with that, I will pass the witness. 12 MR. MANZO: To whom? 12 say whether it was one or the other? 13 MR. BAUMGARTNER: The next questioner. 13 A It was not soft. 14 Q And you could tell that just by feeling it? 14 MS. ADDISON: I think I'm the next questioner, and I A You felt mainly elastic when you felt it, yes. think we previously agreed at our last break this might 16 be a convenient time for our noon recess. 16 So it was not soft. 17 MR. MANZO: That's fine. 17 Q How does one tell whether a particular part of a 18 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record 11:52. End of 18 diaper provides padding or not? A How can you tell if it provides padding? 19 tape 1. 19 20 (Lunch recess was taken.) 20 Q Yes. 21 A Because it has extra material, and, as I said 21 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is tape 2, continuing 22 deposition of Rhonda Tracy. Time is 1:05 on May 25. 22 earlier, the dictionary claims it could be -- it has to On the record. 23 be comfortable. It's something that you add in order to 23 pad something. 24 **EXAMINATION** 71 73 Q So if you have extra material and it's ı by Ms. Addison: 2 comfortable --2 MS. ADDISON: Q Good afternoon, Miss Tracy. We A Yes. were introduced this morning before the deposition 3 Q -- that's padding? began. You know I'm Linda Addison, and I'm representing A It could be, yes. Drypers in this case that has been brought by you Q Can you think of a case where you would have against Drypers. 6 7 extra material, it would be comfortable, and it's not A Yes. 8 8 Q Miss Tracy, you understand that you are still A You would have extra material and it's Q under oath? 10 comfortable? No, because in padding I believe you have 10 A Yes. to add something. 11 Q Okay. Have you ever given a deposition before? 12 Q So if you have extra material and if it's 12 A Yes, I have. 13 comfortable, then you have padding? 13 Q Even though we are sitting here informally in 14 A As the dictionary describes it, I believe that's the offices of counsel for Kimberly-Clark, you 15 the way it is. understand that what you say today would have the same MR. BAUMGARTNER: Have you ever felt a soft 16 force and effect if you were saying it in the 16 17 material -- Strike that. I believe my time is just 17 courthouse? 18 about up, so I'm going to pass the witness. 18 A Yes, I do. 19 (Whereupon, the following portion of the 19 Q Miss Tracy, as you know, I believe the Court has 20 deposition has been designated confidential.) given the defendants time constraints for your 21 MR. BAUMGARTNER: Let me just observe, though, that deposition, and, therefore, we've agreed to share the some of the testimony given today is highly material to 22 time. And I think it's understood among all parties 23 the pending patent application that's now before the 23 that we will not be taking a full and comprehensive 24 U.S. Patent Office as serial No. 107643. 24 deposition of you today.

74 76 A Okay. 1 MR. MANZO: So if you could answer without invading 1 2 2 Q Because of that, I'm going to try -- partly the attorney-client privilege, or if you choose to waive the attorney-client privilege, go ahead. 3 because of that and partly because I don't ever like to 3 4 cover -- replow old ground, I'm going to try very hard 4 THE WITNESS: I first found out about the disclosure 5 not to repeat or ask you questions that were covered by program -- you know, as my memory best serves me, I 6 Mr. Baumgartner this morning. believe it was even on television at one point about a 7 A Okay. 7 disclosure program. I'm not totally accurate about Q Nevertheless, there are a few questions that he 8 8 9 I do remember calling the Patent Office and 9 asked you that I would like to begin by following up on. making inquiries about the disclosure program. That was 10 and then I'll move into some other areas. All right? 10 11 A Okay. through no advice of any attorney. 12 In conversations with the Patent Office I was 12 Q Have you ever invented anything other than the then told, I believe, the differences in different 13 patents that are the subject -- or the patent that is 13 patent applications, and I had conversations. But the 14 the subject of this lawsuit and the related patents? 15 A No, I have not. 15 disclosure program was something that I did completely 16 on my own without the advice of any attorney. Q Have you ever applied for any U.S. patents, 16 17 other than the diaper patents, that are related to the 17 MS. ADDISON: Q Okay. When you are referring or patents in this suit? when you use the phrase disclosure program, would you 18 18 19 A No. I have not. 19 please tell us what you mean by that? 20 Q You mentioned before lunch upon questioning by 20 A Well, on September 2, 1986, when I first came up 21 counsel for Kimberly-Clark that you and Mr. Van Epps, 21 with the patent idea, and I have affidavits that are 22 your first counsel, had a disagreement in that you signed and sworn to that, they're notarized, I had sent. 23 wanted a utility patent -- I'm sorry, you wanted the 23 that into the Patent Office. utility patent and he wanted the design patent and that 24 And what they did with this disclosure program 75 77 that was a subject of disagreement between you. is give it a date and, you know, a serial number, if you A Yes, that's correct. want to call it that, or some type of a number, that Q How was it that you, a first-time inventor, knew they have seen it, that it has passed through their office, and the date that they stamp it with I believe 4 the difference between a utility and design patent? A It was explained to me that there was a was the date that it left the mail room. 6 difference, in that utility means functional, which is 6 But I had called the Patent Office myself to what my diaper is. It's a functional design. And 7 inquire about that disclosure program to begin with. ornamental is completely different in appearance, and I 8 Q And all that was before you first approached 9 9 knew that. Mr. Van Epps? 10 And I have a particular interest -- I guess you 10 A Yes, correct. could say that I've always been intrigued with patents, 11 11 Q Before our noon recess, when you were talking so to speak, because my mother had a friend who invented about your disagreement with Mr. Van Epps, you indicated 12 12 that you wanted a filing date as soon as possible. 13 a different type of an eyeglass. And this is when I was 13 a teenager. And I was always intrigued with her A Yes. 14 particular invention that she came up with. 15 Q Why was that? 15 Q You said that it was explained to you there was 16 16 A Well, because the disclosure program, I know it a difference between utility and design patent. 17 gives you a date, but it doesn't give you a patent per 18 A Yes. se. So I knew that I had to have a patent application 19 Q Who was it that explained that to you? 19 with some sort of a date on it in order to pursue 20 A I believe it was --20 getting a patent on what it was that I had invented.

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And without an application, I can't really rely

about getting a date as soon as possible?

22 completely on disclosure, you know, to give me a patent.

Q But what was it that gave you a sense of urgency

MR. MANZO: I would caution the witness not to

22 reveal the sum and substance of attorneys'

THE WITNESS: Okay.

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conversations.

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A Just the knowledge that other inventions, if

2 they supersede that date, you know, then you're really

3 lost. So --

4 Q You were concerned that someone else would

5 either patent or begin practicing your invention?

6 A Correct, that someone eventually would think of

7 it before, you know, my date of filing.

Q Can you find, Miss Tracy, Exhibit 3, which is

9 your design application.

10 A Uh-huh.

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11 Q Does Exhibit 3, which is the design application

12 that you've discussed this morning with counsel for

13 Kimberly-Clark, accurately represent what you invented?

14 A It represents what I had written on my

15 disclosure document back in 1986 that has since been

16 changed, as you know.

17 Q You're talking about the differences between the

18 '824 patent that's in suit here and the disclosure

19 document?

20 A The '824 patent has this feature, I believe. It

21 is included -- I don't have the exact number in front of

22 me, but I know it's included in that one as well. But

23 it's not a particular feature that we are suing on. The

24 claims, I mean, because we are suing under 1, 2, 9, 10,

1 Q And you're referring to claim 3 of the '824

2 patent?

3 A Yes, I am.

Q Okay. Leaving aside the '824 patent, and I'd

like to go back now to the filing date of your design

6 application, February 2, 1987, does this design

7 application accurately represent the subject of your

8 invention?

9 MR. MANZO: Objection, asked and answered. The

10 objection is to vagueness.

11 I mean, if you're asking whether this shows the

12 ornamental features of her invention, that's one

13 question. If you're asking her whether this shows the

14 utility features of her invention, that's another

15 question.

16 You could ask it any way you want, but as

17 stated. I object to the vagueness of the question.

18 MS. ADDISON: Q Leaving aside for a moment the

19 '824, were the designs reflected in Exhibit 3 that is

20 before us today accurate depictions of your invention as

21 of February 2, 1987?

A Yes.

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23 Q This morning Mr. Baumgartner -- Baumgartner or

24 Baumgartner?

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1 14 and 15.

2 O I'm just trying to understand your position.

3 Does -- and I didn't understand your answer. Does

4 Exhibit 3 accurately represent the subject of your

5 invention?

6 MR. MANZO: Objection, the question is vague as

7 to --

8 THE WITNESS: It represents one of the features of

9 my invention. I was told I had to answer even though

10 there's an objection.

11 MR. MANZO: You should probably wait until I finish

12 the objection.

13 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

14 MS. ADDISON: Q Okay. And that feature that is --

15 and the feature that it represents is accurately

16 represented in Exhibit 3?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And what feature is that?

19 A Let me refresh my memory on the patent and the

20 claim.

21 Claim No. 3, the diaper of claim 2 wherein said

22 first strip wraps around from inside to the outside of

23 the waistband, which is what it does here. And also in

24 figure 1.

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MR. BAUMGARTNER: Baumgartner.

2 MS. ADDISON: Q I apologize if I have misstated

3 your name.

4 In a couple of places I'm going to repeat what

5 I believe is testimony you gave this morning. If I

6 mistake that, it is not my intention to, and I believe I

7 have taken it down accurately, but you feel free to

8 correct me if I'm mistaken. All right?

A Okay.

0 Q This morning in response to a question by

1 Mr. Baumgartner, he asked you with regard to Exhibit 3

12 whether anything in that design application indicated

13 that the padded member at the waistband was soft.

14 A Right.

15 O And I wrote down that you answered nothing in

16 the text indicates that it is soft.

17 A In the design text, correct.

18 Q In the design text. Is there anything anywhere

19 in the design application that indicates that it is

20 soft?

21 A Not in written form. But as I said, it can be

22 implied because what you would want to design for a baby

23 would have to be soft and not hard.

24 Q All right. Nothing in the text -- you've

82 already told us nothing in the text indicates that it A There's padding within the embodiment. In mine 2 was soft, correct? there's padding also in the waistband and in the leg A That's right. 3 areas. Q Okay. And nothing in the pictures indicates 4 O Anything else? that it's soft either, does it? 5 5 A That pretty much covers the diaper I think; the 6 A I can't really say that because my intention 6 embodiment, the legs, and the waist. 7 always was to imply that this is something soft, you 7 Q Miss Tracy, when you use the word soft as you've 8 know, for the baby. 8 used it throughout the day and in your patent, what do 9 That was my intention. And it is added in a 9 you mean by soft? 10 disposable diaper, therefore, I think you would conclude 10 A Soft, it's comfortable. 11 you wouldn't add anything hard to a disposable diaper. 11 Q Are there any words used in the '824 patent 12 Q This morning with Mr. Baumgartner you gave an 12 claims that have anything other than their ordinary 13 answer that said, I believe, that any padding added to a 13 dictionary definitions? 14 baby diaper can only be soft. Do you remember the 14 A Anything other than the ordinary dictionary answer that I'm referring to? 15 15 definitions? I can't be sure of that. 16 A Did I state it in those exact words? MR. MANZO: You're asking about all the claims as a 16 17 Q Well, I don't want to swear to you that I did, 17 18 and that's why we have our capable court reporter here. 18 MS. ADDISON: I'm talking about the claims at issue 19 But in regard to an earlier discussion of 19 in this suit 20 Exhibit 3 and your discussion with padding -- your 20 MR. MANZO: Claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 14 and 15? 21 earlier discussion with Mr. Baumgartner with padding, 21 MS: ADDISON: Yes. 22 you used something similar to that. Do you remember the 22 MR. MANZO: That's what she means. Go ahead. 23 series of questions and answer I'm talking about? 23 THE WITNESS: I'm just waiting for you to finish. 24 A There were so many questions, but, yes, 24 MS. ADDISON: Q And let me tell you, I am really 83 85 something in that nature. not trying to trick you or be tricky. 2 Q Okay. Something in the nature of any padding 2 This morning in response to questions by 3 added to a baby diaper can only be soft? 3 Mr. Baumgartner you referred to dictionaries on a number 4 A Should only be soft. 4 of occasions. 5 Q Should only be soft. What padding -- oh, I'm 5 A Yes. 6 sorry. I think the words you used were any padding added 6 Q And all I'm trying to find out is, are there any 7 to a baby diaper is commonly only soft. words that you used in the '824 patent that have some 8 A Commonly. 8 unusual meaning other than one would find in a 9 Q Commonly only soft. Does that sound familiar? 9 dictionary? 10 Does that sound like something you said? 10 A Well, I think then it would be subject to 11 A Perhaps. paraphrasing if you don't really refer to the dictionary 12 Q Do you agree with that? meaning of it. And we're not allowed to paraphrase or 13 A More than likely it would be soft, yes, I would 13 interpret any other prior arts or my artwork other than 14 say that. 14 what it says. 15 Q Okay. What padding added to what diapers 15 So I don't know if it's fair to say that -- you 16 commonly are you talking about? 16 know, it could mean something different to you, but I 17 A Padding to what diapers? 17 refer to different words being literate through the 18 Q When you stated as a general proposition -- all dictionary expression because I think that's what we 19 I'm trying to do now is understand an answer you gave should when we're dealing with patents. 19 20 Mr. Baumgartner. 20 Q Okay. I'll object as being nonresponsive. 21 When you stated as a general proposition that 21 A Okay.

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Q My question, Miss Tracy, is, as you sit here

today, when was the last time you read the '824 patent

claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 14, 15?

any padding added to baby diapers is commonly only soft,

to what padding added to what diapers are you referring

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- ı A Yesterday.
- 2 Q Do any of the terms contained in those claims
- 3 have some unusual or uncommon meaning?
- A I don't believe that they do.
- Q Do they have the meaning that one would find in
- a dictionary?
- A I would think so.
- 8 Q Okay. And throughout the day when you have
- referenced dictionary definitions that you've looked up,
- what dictionary or dictionaries were you using?
- 11 A The college version, Random House publisher, the
- 12 Webster's dictionary.
- 13 Q Miss Tracy, I'd like to call your attention,
- 14 please, to Exhibit 6 that you discussed this morning --
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- Q -- with counsel for Kimberly-Clark. That is the
- 17 letter, the February 10, 1989 letter from you to Stella
- 18 Reed
- A Yes. 19
- Q This morning you indicated that you had a 20
- telephone conversation with Miss Reed in which she said
- 22 your application should have been for a utility patent
- instead of a design patent. 23
- 24 A That's correct.

- Q And when she told you that your application
- should have been filed for a utility patent --
- 3 A Correct.
- 4 Q -- instead of a design patent, for what reason
- 5 was that?

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- 6 A For what reason?
 - Q Yes. In other words -- I'm sorry, go on.
- A Well, based on what I was telling her about my
- patent, she says it should have been filed as a utility
- 10 patent.
- 11 O In order for what?
- 12 A Well, that was her reasons. I really can't
- interpret as to what she meant. I just took her
- 14 literally as to what she said.
- 15 And the conversation wasn't very long. It was
- 16 rather brief. And those are the words that just stand
- 17 out in my mind, that it should have been filed as a
- 18 utility patent.
- 19 Q But for what reason for it to have been -- she
- 20 didn't tell you why she is saying a different type of
- 21 patent application would have been better for you?
- A She didn't say it was going to guarantee me a
- patent, but just that it should have been filed as a
- utility patent.

- Q Was that conversation before or after you wrote
- 2 your February 10, 1989 letter that is before us as
- Exhibit 69
 - A The conversation, I believe, to the best of my
- knowledge, took place prior to this letter. I was upset
- that the design application was rejected. I was upset
- with Mr. Van Epps, because I thought design application,
- you know, it just turned out the way I thought.
- So I called the Patent Office myself, talked to 9
- 10 the examiner. She told me I would have to fire my
- attorney, release him as power of attorney, and I told
- 12 her that I was indeed going to do that.
- 13 And I had another conversation with her as
- well. I didn't have just one conversation. I believe
- 15 we had two conversations.
- 16 And then when I talked to her -- I'm sorry, I
- 17 will further add that when I did release Mr. Van Epps as
- power of attorney, I had a conversation with her and 18
- 19 asked her to please tell me, as the inventor, what was
- 20 wrong with this design application.
- 21 Q Okay. When she told -- when you say she told
- 22 you you'd have to fire Mr. Van Epps, was that in order
- 23 for her to be communicating with you directly?
- 24 A Yes, correct.

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- Q And she didn't tell you why?
- A I can't recall.
- Q And she didn't tell you what would have been
- accomplished had it been filed as a utility patent
- 6 A I can't recall any -- exact conversation in that
- way. The words just stood out, utility patent, pretty 7
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- 9 Q Did you ever seek trademark protection for
- something called a Comfies diaper?
- П A No, I did not.
- 12 Q What is the Comfies diaper that is the reference
- 13 on Exhibit 6?
- 14 A I guess it was just a thought, that if I ever
- were to have this manufactured maybe by private label,
- or whatever, that I would want to use that particular
- label for my diaper.
- Q Why did you put the TM after the word Comfies in 18
- 19 the reference line?
- A I believe -- Now I'm not totally sure on this,
- but I believe Mr. Van Epps might have shared with me 21
- 22 that, you know, if it's a registered trademark -- you
- have to make a distinction between whether it's 24 registered, but to protect like a title or a name you

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24 number? 14.

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90 92 can put the TM after it. 1 I didn't realize we were going to have this 2 Q In the third paragraph down -- I'm going to try 2 many people here. Can you share? Okay. Thank you. 3 not to be repetitious from this morning. In the third 3 Is it 14? paragraph down, the paragraph that begins "I realize," 4 (Document marked as requested.) you state in there that Mr. Van Epps oversimplified your 5 MS. ADDISON: Actually, let's go on and mark 15 at 6 design and didn't give any notation to the contents of the same time. 15. 7 the model, i.e. diaper. 7 (Document marked as requested.) 8 A Right. 8 MR. MANZO: Just so you know, it appears that the 9 Q In what way did he oversimplify? 9 second page of 15 is included as one of the pages of 10 A By making it a design application. I guess I 10 Exhibit 6, page No. 32, except they're different at the 11 should have been more specific in my letter, but that's 11 marginal notation. 12 what I meant. 12 MS. ADDISON: Q Miss Tracy, when you were referring 13 Q When you say he didn't give any notation to the 13 to your affidavit in your disclosure document a little 14 contents of the model, what do you mean by that? 14 while ago, are Exhibits 14 and 15 the documents to which 15 A Well, in other words, he didn't describe the 15 you were referring? 16 model at all, or the features. Didn't write any claims. 16 A Yes. 17 Q In the next sentence, which appears to be a 17 Q Is Exhibit 14 in your handwriting? 18 separate paragraph, you say that Mr. Van Epps should 18 A Yes, it is. 19 have indicated where the extra padding is located. 19 Q Up in the upper right-hand corner of Exhibit 14 20 A Correct. 20 you indicate that this is invention No. 2. 21 O To what does the word extra refer? 21 A Yes. 22 A Additional. 22 Q And this invention No. 2, to what does it refer? 23 Q Additional beyond what? 23 A Well, let me read these. A Well, what I intended at the time was my model 24 This refers to my design application that 91 93 contained extra padding at the waistband. So that's 1 1 Mr. Van Epps had filed. 2 what I mean by extra. O What was invention No. 19 Q Extra implies that there is some padding present 3 A Well, what I did was I sent these all in at the at the waistband? same time. As you can see, they all have the same A Well, not being an attorney, or a patent number and the same date. I believe I just wanted to 6 attorney, I believe at the time I was just trying to cover my basis with my handwriting. And when I typed it 7 imply that there was something additional added to the out, I wanted it to be more legible, and I believe 8 common disposable diaper. they're the same. 9 Q Does extra padding -- by extra padding did you Invention No. 1, I'm not sure. It could be. 10 mean that there was some padding already present? 10 Invention No. 2, that maybe I marked this as just a 11 A I don't believe I meant that. second document and said invention No. 2. I can't 12 Q Going down three paragraphs, the one that begins 12 really recall those fine details of that. 13 with the word "on," there you say that you have marked Q Was it your intention -- is Exhibit 15 merely a 13 14 areas where additional padding should be noted. typewritten version of Exhibit 14? 15 A Let me see if I can read the last page. Yes, 15 A I believe it is. 16 let me see if I can read the last page. 16 Q Okay. Did you type Exhibit 15 yourself? 17 Q My question for you, Miss Tracy, is, doesn't the 17 A Yes, I did. 18 use of the phrase additional padding imply there's 18 Q And Karen Reynolds, the notary public, was she a 19 already some padding there? 19 notary in Mr. Van Epps' office? 20 A I imagine it could imply that. But it also A No, she was a notary at a bank called DuPage could mean that you're adding something that wasn't 21 21 Bank & trust at that time. It has now been changed to present previously. 22 FirstStar Bank. 23 MS. ADDISON: What's our next number, exhibit 23 Q Did she notarize this -- did you have both

24 documents notarized at the same time?

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- A Yes, I did.
- 2 Q The handwritten version and a typewritten
- 3 version notarized at the same time?
- 4 A Yes, I did.
- 5 Q You indicate in the second line that your
- 6 improvement that is the subject of this declaration
- 7 involves putting cotton around the waistline and leg of
- 8 the diaper.
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q And then in the sketch you have drawn some
- 11 arrows at the waist and the leg cuffs.
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q And then underneath, on Exhibit 14, on the
- 14 handwritten version, you say the lining is different by
- 15 the way it goes from inside to out around the legs and
- 16 waist.
- 17 A Yes, that's correct.
- 18 O Different from what?
- 19 A Well, I meant to imply that it's different from
- 20 the disposable diapers that were out at that time.
- 21 Q The way it was different was the subject of your
- 22 invention, correct?
- 23 A Correct.
- 24 Q And it was different by going from the inside to

- 1 Q Okay. And does that drawing reflect that the
- 2 lining that you have referred to in Exhibits 14 and 15,
- 3 and which is the subject of your design application.
- 4 actually covers that outside rim of the diaper?
- 5 A Yes. And it's also shown down here as well, in
- 6 figure 3.
- 7 Q I was going to get to that in a minute. What
- 8 does figure 3 show?
- 9 We're on Exhibit 6 now. What does figure 3
- 10 demonstrate?
- 11 A Figure 3 is supposed to demonstrate where I just
- 12 was pointing to earlier, the inside of the diaper in
- 13 this particular figure, and then how it comes around to
- 14 the outside as well, kind of like a 3-D look at it, so
- 15 to speak.
- 16 Q Okay. Figure 3 shows a diaper that is three
- 17 layers, does it not?
- 18 A Three layers? It shows an outer loop. I don't
- 19 know if you'd really call that three layers because
- 20 going from inside to outside, I think, could be one
- 21 layer as it is shown here, looping around. It's
- 22 covering -- if I can just display with the diaper.
- 23 It's going from inside to outside. And so
- 24 they're showing the version where it looks like that

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- I the outside as you've indicated here?
- 2 A Correct.
- 3 Q Is that, in fact, what is shown in your design
- 4 application, Exhibit 3, going from -- you've got a
- 5 cleaner copy of it than I do, I think.
- 6 A Let me see here. Yes, it seems as though
- 7 there's a band here going from the inside to the
- 8 outside. They show the inner-most part and then coming
- 9 around and going on the outside in figure 1.
- 10 Q Okay. Miss Tracy, I think you and I understand
- 11 each other, and maybe everybody in the room understands
- 12 what you're saying, but when this lady transcribes it.
- 13 this way and that way is not going to be all that clear.
- 14 A Okay.
- 15 Q Can you show on the camera what you mean from
- 16 inside to outside as you just demonstrated to me in your
- 17 testimony, please.
- 18 A Here is the waistband portion.
- 19 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Turn it more this way.
- 20 THE WITNESS: Sorry.
- 21 MS. ADDISON: Q Okay.
- 22 A The waistband portion from the inside. And as
- 23 you see the outer scope of the diaper, it also comes to
- 24 the outside.

l from the side.

- 2 Q But as to the body portion of the diaper, it
- 3 shows a diaper that is three layers, does it not?
- 4 A The body portion, meaning through here?
- 5 Q Yes, figure 3. Is figure 3 not a
- cross-section -- this portion of figure 3 is a
- 7 cross-section of what is being referred to in the '824
- 8 patent as a body portion?
- A If you're looking at this part of figure 3, you
- 10 could see a layer I believe here, inside, and then on
- 11 top. But this loop is also connected to this particular
- 12 loop here. I'm talking about the loop that goes inside
- 13 of this outer loop.
- 14 Q All right. Let's talk about this portion -- Are
- 15 you with us, Mr. Videographer?
- 16 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Raise it up. You've got glasses
- 17 in the way.
- 18 MS. ADDISON: Q Okay. And diapers, too.
- 19 Okay. And I don't want to put you at a
- 20 disadvantage because it's your testimony that I want.
- 21 A That's okay.
- 22 Q You know what?
- 23 A Excuse me, I just want to look at this a little
- 24 more closely, too.

98 100 MS. ADDISON: You're not going to believe it, but I MR. MANZO: I don't. Where is it? 2 just happen to have this with me. MS. ADDISON: Right there. It's in both --3 MR. MANZO: That's for walking around the dangerous THE WITNESS: Second paragraph. 4 streets of Chicago. MS. ADDISON: Q It says the lining goes from 5 THE WITNESS: May I correct myself? inside to outside and/or front to back. We have just 6 MS. ADDISON: Q Yes. discussed what inside to outside means, I believe. 7 7 A It does appear that there are three layers in A Right. this loop here on figure 3. It looks like there's one Q Can you show me please on -- I'm going to hold layer on top, one on the bottom, and then the loop that up figure 1 of Exhibit 3, the design application. What 10 goes around. does front to back mean? 11 Q All right. And when you are referring to the A Well, as I reread this, I believe what I 12 loop on figure 3, that portion there, when you say the 12 intended to mean was that, you know, there's a backside 13 loop -of the diaper and it goes -- you know, there's a back 14 A Yes, the one -portion of the diaper, and then there's the front 15 15 Q That goes all the way around, goes round and portion of the diaper. 16 round? 16 And going from front to back, this is -- this 17 is the front of the diaper. This is the back of the 18 Q Okay. Is this portion, what you're referring to diaper. The back also has a front to it. So going from 19 as the loop of figure 3, the same portion that you 19 this front side to the back outside. 20 outlined in pink this morning for Mr. Baumgartner? 20 Q Oh, okay. So front --21 A That's correct. 21 A That's what I believe I mean it to be. 22 Q This portion of figure 3 is this body part of 22 Q Okay. Front to back then does not mean then the 23 the diaper, right, or --23 circumference of the waistband? 24 A Are you talking about inside of the loop? A Well, I said from inside to out, and then I 99 101 1 Q I'm talking about this -specifically said from front to back. So I believe I A Yes, that should be the body part of the diaper. was indicating that it was not only in the front of the 3 Q Okay. And there are three layers right there, diaper, but in the back of the diaper as well. 4 correct? Q And when you're saying front and back, do you A Yes, uh-huh. mean - do you mean by that front and back as if a baby Q And the three layers, just so we don't have any were wearing it, the front and the back, or do you mean dispute, today, this morning, we were talking about the front side, backside? bottom sheet as being the one that touches the parent A Well, at the time -- you know, there's no way it 9 when the diaper's applied and the parent holds the baby? can loop completely around because you have two 10 A Yes. openings. So you have the distinction between the front 11 Q The middle layer is the absorbent layer? portion of the diaper and the back portion of the diaper. 12 12 13 13 Q And the top sheet, or top layer, is the one that And I believe here I covered it by saying it 14 touches the baby when the diaper is applied? goes from inside to out, but also goes from front to 15 A Yes, that's correct. back. And I probably should have been more specific and 16 Q Okay. Miss Tracy, when you said in Exhibits 14 said maybe from the front side to the backside, or the 17 and 15 -- These are the two affidavits, and I think 17 back-most portion of the diaper, you know, simplifying 18 you've said at both places. We've talked about the 18 it. 19 19 padding going -- or the lining going from inside to Q So the way you've used front and back here, it's outside. You say the padding goes from inside to out 20 referring from the top sheet to the back sheet?

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A Correct.

A Right, exactly.

Q -- or daddy side?

Q From the baby side to the mommy side --

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22 talking about? 23 A Yes.

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Q Okay. When you say --

and/or front to back. Do you see the language I'm

102 104 A Exactly. figure 1, is that handwriting yours --1 A Yes, that's mine. 2 MS. ADDISON: All right. Are we at 16? Okay. This Q -- where it says extra layers of padding? (Document marked as requested.) A Yes. MS. ADDISON: Q Miss Tracy, let me represent to you Q Is the -- the handwriting there says extra 5 that the number down in the bottom right-hand corner. T layers of padding. Is the extra -- are the extra layers followed by the 2032, means it was produced by your of padding to which this refers these squiggly lines right here? 8 counsel to us in response to document production A Yes. 9 requests. 10 A Okay. 10 Q Did you color that in? П A Yes. П Q What is this document? Or do you recognize this 12 Q What is that document? 12 document? 13 A I vaguely recognize the document, and I cannot 13 A I am not really sure. It might have been the distinguish completely what Mr. Van Epps might have sent document that Mr. Van Epps and I first talked about when he was considering drawing the diaper from the model. 15 in and what he left behind. MR. MANZO: For the record, that appears to be page 16 And I can understand why you're questioning it, 17 30 of Exhibit 6. 17 because it's different. But I don't know if he gave 18 · this portion to me and sent this into the Patent Office. 18 MS. ADDISON: O Thank you. 19 But all I know is that both of these were drawn up, and 19 Do you know -- but you're not certain what it 20 is? 20 what he decided to actually file, I'm not completely 21 sure about that, because I never saw the contents of my 21 A I'm not certain what it is? I know what it is. 22 own file. 22 I know it's a drawing, but Mr. Van Epps and I had 23 conversations throughout. And as I said, I'm not so 23 Q Okay. The drawing that is between figure 2 and 24 figure 3 on Exhibit 16, this drawing right there, what 24 sure what he decided to finally send in, but this could 105 103 be our discussion as to when he and I were first does that represent? A I believe he's referring to -- it's pointing discussing it as to how to represent this diaper. 2 2 Q And, once again, the extra here refers to what? 3 right to this outer loop as if you were to look --3 4 Q Can you turn --A Additional padding. 5 Q Additional beyond the padding? 5 A -- inside of it. A I'm not saying beyond. It could be padding 6 O -- it to the camera? that's added to an existing disposable diaper that did 7 A Yes, sure. Q Do you believe that's a cross-section of the not have padding previously in those particular areas. 8 outer loop? 9 Q And could it be padding that is added to a 9 10 disposable diaper that had padding there? 10 A I believe that's what it's intended to be. A I wouldn't have thought that it needed extra Q When you're using the word outer loop, are you 11 11 padding if it already had padding. again referring to the area that you highlighted in pink 12 Q Is there any reason to use the word extra if -this morning for Mr. Baumgartner --13 13 14 A Yes. 14 extra padding if there's no padding already there? Q -- on figure 2 of Exhibit 6, the design 15 A I'm not particularly sure. 15 16 Q There wouldn't be any reason to use the word 16 application? A Yes, and also in figure 3. padding if there was -- unless there was padding there? 17 17 MS. ADDISON: Okay. 17. 18 A Well, you use padding, but you're saying the 18 19 19 word extra. Extra is something additional. (Document marked as requested.) 20 Q Additional to what's already there? 20 MS. ADDISON: Q Miss Tracy, I'll represent to you. ma'am, that Exhibit 17 also comes from your production 21 A What's already there could be just a layer of 21 material. So it needs something extra, and that being 22 to us in this case. 22 23 A Okay. 23 padding.

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It could be just -- if this were a diaper, I

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Q Is the handwriting right below the printed

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advertisement picture.

there, the waistline is designed like mine, inside to

out, with some arrows. Is that also your handwriting?

A Yes. And, again, I was just referring to the

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106 108 could say, you know, this needs something extra, let's MS. ADDISON: Are we on 19 now or 20? I mean the 1 2 put a layer of padding right here. I'd be doing just 2 3 3 The next one is 18, okay. This will be 18. 4 Q There's no reason to say additional layers of 4 (Document marked as requested.) 5 padding unless there's some padding already there, is 5 MS. ADDISON: Q Did you buy those Proctor & Gamble 6 6 diapers that you saw in the store or just look at them 7 A That's not my interpretation. I just showed you 7 in the store? 8 8 A I believe I bought them. 9 Q Can you find Exhibit 5 that you were discussing 9 Q Exhibit 18 has some handwriting on it. I don't 10 this morning with Mr. Baumgartner? think this was an attachment to anything this morning, 11 A I have it. 11 and if it was, I apologize. Or if it was, we can give 12 Q Could you go to the first page of that exhibit, 12 it a proper number. 13 please. 13 My concern about Exhibit 18 is simply 14 A This is marked 5. establishing is that handwriting at the top center of 15 Q Let me help you if you don't mind. 15 the page yours? 16 Here we are. Okay. Paragraph 2 on the first 16 A Yes, it is. 17 page of Exhibit 5, your Declaration in Support of a 17 Q It says this area has extra padding/now lining. 18 Petition to Make Special, you said on or about October 18 A Yes. 19 11, 1988 it came to your attention that Proctor & Gamble 19 O What does that mean? 20 Company of Cincinnati, Ohio was distributing disposable 20 A Well, the waistband did not come through very 21 diapers which you believed to be an infringement of the 21 clearly on the copy, but I was merely referring to the 22 claim and your pending application. 22 waistband having extra padding. 23 A Correct. 23 Q And when you say now lining, what do you mean by 24 Q What are the circumstances under which that came 24 that? Is it that the lining is now providing extra 107 109 1 to your attention, Miss Tracy? padding? 2 A I was just going through the Jewel Food Stores, A Well, it was a very long time ago. I could have and it was just right after I gave birth to my second 3 3 meant now lining the inside of the waistband. I'm not child, and I was picking up some diapers. And that's 4 really sure, but I wanted to make note there was 5 when I came upon the Proctor & Gamble diaper, and I 5 definitely extra padding there. 6 believe they advertised extra padding in the waistband, 6 Q By inside of the waistband you mean the part 7 which brought it to my attention. 7 that's touching the baby, correct? 8 Q If you will flip, please, to the pages of 8 A Yes, or it could have also been contained on the 9 Exhibit 5 that Mr. Baumgartner has marked pages 18 and 9 inside of the part that touches the baby as well. 10 19. 10 Not having that particular diaper before me, Ħ A Okay. 11 it's hard to say, and not having a clear picture, it's 12 Q There's some handwriting on page 18, and it says 12 very hard to say. 13 waist shield material going from inside to out and/or 13 Q Okay. Going back to figure 1 of Exhibit 3, the 14 back to front, and then there's some arrows there. design application, yes, we have this on videotape, but 15 A I was just trying to show as to how it looked on I just want to make sure that there is no confusion or 16 the advertisement. 16 misunderstanding about when you -- in your earlier 17 Q Right. But the handwriting and the arrows were 17 testimony when you were talking about inside to outside 18 written by you, correct? 18 and the arrows. 19 A Yes, they were. 19 When you were doing the demonstration for us 20 Q And, similarly, on page 19 there is printing 20 showing your padding going from inside to outside and

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the diaper is worn?

demonstrating on figure 1 of the design application, by

the portion of the diaper that touches the infant when

inside you were gesturing to and you meant, did you not.

112 110 portion. What is a waistband portion? ı 2 Q Okay. I'd like you, Miss Tracy, please, to find A Waistband -- Oh, no, I hope that's not -- Excuse 2 Exhibit 1, which is the '824 patent. 3 3 me. Have I used about 50 minutes? 4 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record 2:02. 4 5 5 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: 53. (Discussion had off the record.) THE VIDEOGRAPHER: On the record 2:02. 6 MS. ADDISON: 53? 6 7 MS. ADDISON: Q Do you need the question read back, 7 THE WITNESS: Okay. 8 MS. ADDISON: Q Since September of 1986 when you Miss Tracy? 9 A No. You wanted me to describe what is the 9 filed your first declaration, have you met any other diaper designers or inventors? 10 waistband portion? 10 11 A I have not. 11 Q Yes. What is the waistband portion? A The waistband portion, looking at the diaper, is 12 Q Have you been to any diaper conventions or --12 the upper-most part, a part of the diaper right here. 13 A Zero. 13 If you want to see, there's a distinct strip right here. 14 Q Do diaper designers congregate anywhere? A I've been invited to go to several types of 15 I consider that a waistband portion. 16 different conventions or invention conventions. I've Q Okay. Now when you say upper-most, we can say 16 up because of the angle at which you're holding the 17 Q Do you have any impression or opinion or view 18 diaper, correct? It's upper-most in this position. 18 what is the level of skill of one -- of ordinary skill . 19 A Yes, correct. 19 20 Q Okay. And where does the waistband start and 20 in the art of diaper design? 21 stop? 21 A Well, I don't think you need to have any 22 engineering degree in order to design something like 22 A I would say it starts at the very top here, and this. I don't think it takes a great deal of 23 I would say it ends right here. You could almost see a distinct waistband portion. And I'd say anything below 24 engineering. 111 113 MS. ADDISON: 19. that you're getting near the abdomen area. And because 1 why would you distinguish waist from abdomen to begin 2 (Document marked as requested.) MS. ADDISON: Q What I would like to do with you with? So that's how I see it. 3 now, Miss Tracy, is ask you some questions about some of 4 Q Does where the waistband stops or starts have anything to do with the inner lining of the diaper? 5 the terminology that is used in the '824 patent. A Doesn't have anything to do with the inner 6 A What page are you on? 6 7 Q Right now I'm on the bottom of column 2 at claim 7 lining. Q Okay. What is it that defines the waistband? 8 -1 8 Is it the waist of the infant? 9 A All right. Q And if you -- if it would help either one of us 10 A What goes around the waist, what we know as our 10 waist, what goes around the waist of the infant, to use a specific diaper as an example, I'm going to ask 11 12 you to use Exhibit 19, which is a Drypers diaper. 12 13 A Okay. And I do not have --13 Q Okay. How many waistbands does Exhibit 19 have? 14 A How many? Q Do you need an extra copy of the '824? Exhibit 1 -- I thought we would just use the one that was before 15 Q Waistbands. 15 A -- waistbands? Well, it goes around your entire 16 waist from front to back. So I would say it has two; 17 17 A Wait a minute. I think there's another one 18 one here and one here. 18 underneath here that has the different claims. 19 Q Okay. And when you say one here and one here, 19 Here we go. It's not the same as that other 20 copy. All right. 20 if we lay the diaper -- if we extend the diaper fully, you were referring to the outer-most portion on the left 21 Q All right. Column 2, line 62 --

22 side and the most outer -- outer-most portion on the

A Yes. And I would have to say even further that

23 right side?

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A Yes.

Q -- says -- This is part of claim 1 of the '824.

It says each end portion having a respective waistband

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- l once you affix the tab like right here, that is below
- 2 the waistband portion.
- 3 Q All right.
- 4 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The camera did not see --
- 5 THE WITNESS: Pardon?
- 6 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The camera did not see the spot
- 7 you were pointing to.
- 8 THE WITNESS: I told her once you affix this tab
- 9 right here, I believe that that is just -- just below
- 10 the waistband portion of the diaper.
- 11 MS. ADDISON: Q So that when the -- however many
- 12 sheets this diaper has, when the sheets are all affixed
- 13 together, there would be one waistband portion on the
- 14 right-most side and one waistband portion on the
- 15 left-most side --
- 16 A Uh-huh.
- 17 Q -- correct?
- 18 A Right and left, front and back, if you want to
- 19 put it that way.
- 20 Q Or as the baby is worn -- as the diaper is worn
- 21 by the infant, when the sheets are all affixed together,
- 22 there will be a waistband portion in the front and a
- 23 waistband portion in the back?
- 24 A Yes.

- 1 don't know if it's intentional or not. All I'm trying
- 2 to figure out is your interpretation of this word.
- 3 You're grasping more than just -- is the edge
- 4 more than just what you can run your finger along, what
- 5 I will now call the top because I'm holding it up? Does
- 6 the edge extend --

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- A Is there more than one edge to this diaper?
- 8 Q No, it's a different question. Does the edge
- 9 extend down? If I hold this diaper up --
- 10 A This is the edge, and I don't see where you can
- l classify this inner part here as an edge.
- 12 Q All right. The edge is -- as you would hold the
- 13 diaper in the configuration -- in the position I'm
- 14 holding it now, the edge is what one would touch if one
- 15 put one's finger on the top right here of this diaper,
- 16 correct?
- 17 A Correct.
- 18 Q All right. Going to column 3 on the next page
- 19 of the diaper -- of the diaper -- of the patent, I'm
- 20 sorry, line 2 of column 3 uses the word adjacent.
- 21 A Yes.
- Q And I know that you and Mr. Baumgartner consumed
- 23 several minutes and probably several pages this morning
- 24 talking about adjacent, but I don't recall hearing from

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- 1 Q Okay. Is there a difference between waistband
- 2 and waistline?
- 3 A Waistband is a fold or a trim piece on a
- 4 garment. Waistline is your actual waistline on your
- 5 body.
- 6 Q Going back to -- I know I'm asking you to jump
- 7 around a lot. The very next line, after the one we were
- 8 looking at, we are now down to line 63 in column 2 of
- 9 the '824.
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q It uses the word edge.
- 12 A Uh-huh.
- 13 Q What is an edge?
- 14 A Well, this is the edge of the diaper right here.
- 15 O Okav
- 16 A This is a plastic layer edge on the back of the
- 17 diaper.
- 18 Q Is the edge -- as the diaper is worn by the
- 19 infant, and assuming that the infant does not have any
- 20 skin protruding over the diaper, is the edge the portion
- 21 of the diaper that would be sticking straight up?
- 22 A Yes, this is the edge portion right here.
- 23 Q Okay. And when you say this, and you're
- 24 gesturing with your fingers, you were grasping -- And I

- I you your definition of adjacent. And if you gave it, I
- 2 apologize. I missed it.
- 3 A I believe I did give it.
- Q All right. Could you tell me please how you --
- 5 how you defined the term adjacent?
- 6 A I answered that previously this morning. Do
- I -- I'm just asking my counsel, do I need to answer
- 8 that again?
- 9 Q You can reference -- I honestly don't know and
- 10 don't -- or don't remember if you gave that answer. I'd
- 11 be glad for you to reference that testimony, but would
- 12 you be so kind please to tell me your definition.
- 13 A Sure. I believe I was referring to spacial 14 concepts as you would describe them to a child; above.
- 15 below, next to, beside. So I believe I said next to.
- 16 Q Okay. Soft you've already told us you think
- Okay. Soft you've affeady told us you't
- 17 means comfortable; is that correct?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q All right. Going down in column 3, line 6, you
- 20 use the word presenting.
- 21 A In column 3, line 6? Yes.
- 22 Q That the soft substance presenting a soft
- 23 surface.
- 24 A Yes.

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- 1 Q What does the word presenting mean?
- 2 A To bring forth.
- 3 Q When was the last time you looked up that
- 4 definition?

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- A I did not look it up recently.
- 6 Q It just popped into your head?
- 7 Is there a difference between presenting a soft
- 8 surface and in contact with a soft surface?
- 9 A Well, if you bring something -- if you bring it
- 10 forth, presenting can also mean, as I'm thinking,
- 11 representing a soft surface. So I think the way it's
- 12 meant here is you are representing a soft surface.
- 13 MS. ADDISON: How much time have I used?
- 14 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: An hour six minutes.
- 15 MS. ADDISON: Let's take five minutes. I need to
- 16 find some documents.
- 17 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record 2:12.
- 18 (Recess was taken.)
- 19 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: On the record 2:24.
- 20 MS. ADDISON: Q Miss Tracy, if you could have
- 21 before you, please, the '824 patent, which is Exhibit 1,
- 22 the design application, which is Exhibit 3, it's right
- 23 here, and also the Drypers diaper, I think maybe that
- 24 will expedite most of my remaining questions.

- waistband portion. And it presents a soft surface
- 2 because the padding is inside of the diaper waistband
 - portion. It's presenting a soft surface.
- That is different than what reads at the bottom
- 5 saying in contact with the skin of the individual.
- Q And how is it different? Would you please use
- 7 Exhibit 19 to demonstrate.
 - A Okay. Well, it says presenting a soft surface
- along at least a portion of said --
- 0 MR. MANZO: I'm going to object to this line of
- 11 testimony. I mean, the claims say what they say, and
- 12 you're asking for a claim interpretation, which the
- 13 inventor's testimony is, in the absence of ambiguity.
- 14 not material.

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- So I object on the basis of relevance,
- 16 materiality, and calling for legal conclusions without
- 17 qualifying the witness as a legal expert.
- 18 You're entitled to ask over my objections, but
- 19 I need to register them for --
- 20 MS. ADDISON: You may answer.
- 21 MR. MANZO: -- this deposition.
- 22 MS. ADDISON: Q You may answer.
- 23 A Sure. Let's get to the front of the diaper.
- 24 Okay. This is the front of the diaper. This

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- First of all, let me ask you, with regard to
- 2 the word presenting in claim 1 --
- 3 A Yes
- 4 Q -- the language of claim 1 says a soft
- 5 substance presenting a soft surface --
- 6 A Correct.
- 7 Q -- along at least a portion of said inside of
- 8 the diaper waistband portion.
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q By using the word presenting, does that mean
- 11 something than a soft surface for contact with the skin
- 12 of the individual wearing the diaper?
- 13 . A That is in claim 15 at the bottom. Let me read
- 14 claim 1 again, that part of it entirely, please.
- 15 This says inside of the diaper waistband
- 16 portion, claim 1.
- 17 Q Okay. My question is, when claim I uses the
- 18 word presenting a soft surface --
- 19 A Correct.
- 20 Q -- along at least a portion of said inside of
- l the diaper waistband portion, is that different from a
- 22 soft surface for contact with the skin?
- 23 A Well, how it is different is how I will explain.
- 24 This claim reads that it is inside of the diaper

- is the waistband portion. The soft surface, the soft
- 2 substance presenting a soft surface along at least a
- 3 portion of said inside of the diaper waistband, so this
- 4 soft padding that is inside of this diaper waistband
- 5 helps present a soft surface.
- 6 Q Is it your opinion, Miss Tracy, that by using
- 7 the word presenting here, the padding member does not
- 8 have to be in direct contact with the skin of the infant
- 9 wearing the diaper?
- 10 A No, the padding member does not have to be in
- 11 direct contact.
- 12 Q Under claim 1 of the '824?
- 13 A It says that it is distinct, which means it is
- 14 separate from all said body portion layer. The soft
- 15 padding member, including material formed from soft
- 6 substance, presenting a soft surface along at least a
- 17 portion of said inside of the diaper waistband portion.
- 18 So when it's inside, it's inside of the waistband
- 19 portion.
- 20 Q Would you please take a look at Exhibit 3, which
- 21 is the application, the design application, and show me
- where in the original design application it is revealed
- that the padding does not have to be in contact with the
- 24 infant wearing the diaper.

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MS. ADDISON: Q Yes.

A Yes, the contents of the inside of the diaper.

Q Miss Tracy, if I could call your attention

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122 A May I ask a question? I'm not sure why we're please to column 3 of the '824, line 1. referring to design when we're talking first about this 2 A Yes. 2 particular patent that we're suing under, and we are not 3 Q It says the soft padding member located along at 4 suing under this patent. So I find it hard to relate to 4 least one of said waistband portions. 5 A Yes. 5 the question. Q Is that reflected in Exhibit 3, the design 6 Q Okay. Well, with all due respect, I don't think 6 you need to concern yourself with the reason that I'm application? 8 A The design application -- I would say yes, 8 asking questions. 9 because the design application does have extra padding. A Okay. Q Can you tell me whether Exhibit 3, the design 10 In the '824 it says a soft padding member 10 application, reveals that the soft padding member does 11 located along at least one of said waistband portions. not need to be in direct contact with the skin of the 12 So I would have to say, yes, it's present in '824 and 12 13 infant wearing the diaper? also in the design application as well. 14 Q There is nothing in the design application, is 14 A Well, in this particular design application, it shows that it is in contact with the skin of the diaper. 15 there, that would tell one of ordinary skill in the art 15 16 reading the design application that the soft padding A I mean, with the skin of the individual. 17 member is located at least one of the waistband 17 18 portions? 18 O Okav. 19 19 A It shows that it's located at least one, I A Excuse me. 20 Q And my question, ma'am, is, is there anywhere in 20 believe. Exhibit 3, the design application, that it shows that 2.1 Q The waistband portions of the diaper are in 21 22 the soft padding member does not need to be in contact 22 figure 2 what you have highlighted in pink, correct? 23 A Correct. 23 with the skin of the baby wearing the diaper? 24 A Okay. There is a padding member as we said. 24 Q Okay. And figure 2 shows -- and to the extent 123 There are three layers here. So in figure 3 there is that Exhibit 3 reflects padding at the waist, it shows it in both waistband portions, does it not? 2 something -- there are two layers inside of this outer 3 A Correct. 3 loop. So that is, I guess you could say, a layered or padding member that is not in contact with the baby's 4 O It does not show it in at least one; it shows it 4 5 skin at the waistband. in both, correct? A It shows it in both. 6 Q But when you were talking earlier about the 6 7 Q In the design application that is before us as 7 padding loop, the padding loop is the loop that loops 8 from the inside to the outside and is in contact with Exhibit 3, is there any way that the soft padding member 9 the baby's skin, correct? 9 that is reflected in the design application would not be in contact with the skin of the infant when this diaper 10 A Ves. 10 11 Q And that is what is looping around right here. 11 is worn by the infant? 12 A Well, this particular design application shows 12 correct? that it is in contact with the skin of the individual. 13 A Yes. 13 Q And nowhere in this diaper is there revealed a Q And under that particular design application 14 14 15 soft padding member that is not in direct contact with 15 there is no way that the soft padding member would not be in direct contact with the skin of the individual the inside of the diaper of the baby's skin when this 16 16 17 diaper is applied to the baby, correct? 17 when worn, correct? 18 MR. MANZO: You mean apart from the outside? 18 A In this particular one, yes. 19 MS. ADDISON: Huh? 19 Q Okay. On line 2 of column 3 of the '824 patent, 20 THE WITNESS: You're talking about the contents of 20 we talked a few minutes ago about your definition of the 21 the inside of the diaper? 21 word adjacent.

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A Yes.

Q Can you please use Exhibit 19 and explain to me what this claim means to you in that it recites a soft

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- padding member located along at least one side of said
- 2 waistband portions being adjacent to said plastic layer
- 3 edge.

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- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q What does that mean?
- 6 A Well, this is next to the plastic layer edge.
- 7 Q Okay. When you say this --
 - A Do you want me to tear it apart? I'm referring
- 9 to the inner-most part of the waistband area being
- 10 adjacent to the plastic layer edge.
- 11 So I'm talking about -- Let me get this torn
- 12 apart here. Well, I'm talking about the inner-most
- 3 portion being adjacent, and also this batting right
- 14 here, which is also on the inside of the diaper, that's
- 15 also adjacent to the plastic layer edge. They're both
- 16 next to the plastic layer edge.
- 17 Q Okay. So just to make sure I understand your
- 18 testimony, the soft padding -- in Exhibit 19 is the soft
- 19 padding member between the top sheet and the back sheet?
- 20 A There is a soft padding member in between, and
- 21 then there is a top sheet, though, which also next to
- 22 the plastic layer edge.
- 23 Q Okay. And just so I'll have a clear record,
- 24 that is what is referred to -- you claim that is what is

- I MS. ADDISON: Q I'm also not trying to get you to
- 2 be -- I tell you what, let me start over.
- 3 A Okay.
- Q You have just told us as regards Exhibit 19, the
- 5 Drypers diaper, that the soft padding member is adjacent
- 6 to the plastic layer edge because it is -- the soft
- 7 padding member is right next to this outside plastic
- 8 layer edge, correct?
- 9 A Correct.

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- Q And is that sort of construction revealed in the
- 11 design application, which is before us as Exhibit 3?
- 12 A I'll try explaining it another way.
- 13 Q Thank you.
- 14 A The extra padding in my design application, the
- 15 plastic layer edge is covered because it overlaps. Now
- l6 if you're talking about this part here being at the very
- 17 top, I guess you could say it's next to it, but it also
- 18 folds over, which means it covers that plastic layer
- 19 edge.
- 20 So I'd have to say it's not just a one-pat
- 21 answer, because if it's next to it, well, yes, it is,
- 22 but the elastic is on the inside of -- the plastic layer
- 23 edge is on the inside of where it folds over. So not
- 24 only is it adjacent to it, but it continues and it folds

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- referred to when it says a soft padding member located
- 2 along at least one of said waistband portions being
- 3 adjacent to said plastic layer edge?
- A Yes.
- 5 Q Is that reflected in the design application that
- 6 is before us as Exhibit 3?
- 7 A The design application has extra padding and it
- 8 folds over the plastic layer edge in the design patent.
- 9 Q Does the design patent show a soft padding
- 10 member located along at least one of said waistband
- 11 portions being adjacent to said plastic layer?
- 12 A As I said, it overlaps.
- 13 Q And so in the design application it is adjacent
- 14 because it comes from the inside of the diaper, inside
- 15 being when worn, to the outside?
- 16 A Well --
- 17 MR. MANZO: Objection, mischaracterizes the
- 18 testimony.
- 19 MS. ADDISON: Q I'm really not trying to
- 20 mischaracterize your testimony. I'm trying to
- 21 understand your understanding of these claims.
- 22 A Can I just stick to my previous answer that I
- 23 already gave you?
- 24 MR. MANZO: Objection, asked and answered.

l over.

- 2 That's the best way I can explain it to you.
- 3 So I believe I answered your question by saying yes.
- Q Okay. In Exhibit 3 it is adjacent --
- 5 A It's adjacent and.
- 6 Q -- by folding over -- I'm just trying to
- 7 understand your testimony.
- 8 MR. MANZO: No, Counsel. What she said is that it's
- 9 adjacent because it's next to it and it additionally
- 10 folds over. That was her testimony. I'm sure that
- 11 that's what the reporter will reflect.
- 12 MS. ADDISON: Q Okay. Where in Exhibit 3 -- do you
- 3 accept your counsel's restatement or characterization of
- 14 your testimony?
- 15 A Absolutely.
- 16 Q Okay. In addition to folding over --
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q -- where is the soft padded member next to the
- 19 plastic layer edge?
- 20 A I already explained that, Counsel, but I'll
- 21 explain it once again.
- 22 Q I'm not talking about the folding-over part.
- 23 I'm talking about the also-being-next-to part of your
- 24 answer.

Q -- where is the soft padding member adjacent to

the plastic layer edge? Can you use figure 3 and show

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130 132 A Okay. 1 me? 2 Q I'm really just trying to understand your 2 A Yes, I sure will. Let me get my glasses on so I 3 can see these layers more distinctly. I'm going to use A Okay. It is next to, up here. As I said, the 4 this to point rather than my finger. plastic layer edge is inside of what is folded over. 5 Q Would you like to use this? So, yes, it is next to it, but it also folds over. 6 A No, that's okay. That's kind of large for me to So I would have to say yes, it's next to it, 7 hold that up and this at the same time. but it also folds over the top of that plastic layer 8 8 Here is --9 edge. 9 MS. ADDISON: Are you getting this, 10 Q At what point is it next to it? Is it next to 10 Mr. Videographer? 11 it on the inside? 11 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Yes. 12 A Right here at the top. Whatever the waistband 12 THE WITNESS: It's very hard to pick up this loop, 13 portion is is where it is next to it. I'm not talking but there is a portion here where it stops, of these 13 about the embodiment. I'm talking about the waistband 14 inner layers right here. And then the loop goes around 15 portion, which we can clearly see in the design 15 16 application. 16 So I would say that it is adjacent, you know, 17 Q Okay. Where is the plastic layer edge in figure 17 up to this point, but then it also continues and 18 18 overlaps and folds over. You have to say it is -- it's 19 A In figure 1? I believe it is right beneath the 19 right next to it, inside this drawing. 20 20 MS. ADDISON: Q Okay. But it is adjacent then --MS. ADDISON: All right. Let's hold this up. 21 21 leaving aside the part that folds over, it's adjacent to 22 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Move the bottle, please. 22 the plastic layer edge on the outside of the diaper 23 THE WITNESS: Or inside of the loop. 23 where it touches the plastic layer sheet? 24 MS. ADDISON: Q Okay. The plastic layer edge is 24 A It's adjacent on the inside and the outside 131 133 the center cross-hatching of this what you're referring because it folds over. 2 2 to loop as shown in figure 3 of Exhibit 3, correct? Q On figure 3 -- It seems to be easier for you to 3 A It's like those two layers that are inside of hold it upsidedown, and I just want to make this easier 4 this loop. One of those is the plastic layer edge. for you. On figure 3 of Exhibit 3, which is the inside 5 Q Okay. 5 and which is the outside of the diaper? 6 MR. MANZO: Could I just offer a suggestion? A I would say, and I haven't looked at this in a 7 MS. ADDISON: Yes. 7 while, but I would say that this is the inside portion MR. MANZO: If you agree that any part of the 8 8 of the diaper right here, and then this is probably the 9 drawings from the utility patent correspond to those, 9 outside of the diaper. 10 the ones of the utility patent have numbers and you 10 Q Okay. And would you just point to the part at 11 could use numbers to facilitate your interrogation. 11 which the plastic layer edge is adjacent to the soft 12 It's up to you. padded member? Just point. 13 MS. ADDISON: Q Thanks. I want to stick with this 13 A Yes. And I said it in reverse the last time. 14 14 one. But going from inside to outside, it is adjacent to it 15 If you use figure 3, the soft padding member 15 right at the very top point as to where these inside 16 going from the inside to outside of the diaper is 16 layers are, where it stops. Then it continues to 17 reflected in cross-section right there as we've 17 overlap and fold over. So it's adjacent and it also 18 previously discussed, correct? 18 folds over the top of the plastic layer edge. 19 A Yes. Yes, I'm sorry. 19 Q Okay. And in Exhibit 19 where, in your opinion, 20 Q Okay. In addition to the going from the inside 20 is it adjacent? 21 to the outside that we have already discussed --21 A I think I pointed that out previously. I'll do 22 A Right. 22 it again.

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Q I think this was 19.

A That's 19?

134 136 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: On the record 2:51. ı Q Yes, that's 19. A Excuse me. 2 MS. ADDISON: With everyone's understanding that ? 3 this deposition has been under time constraints and on 3 Q Okay. A In this particular, it is adjacent to the limited scope, I understand that even with the time plastic layer edge right up here. This is your plastic constraints and limited scope, I may have as much as a layer edge, and it is -- if you open it up, it's right whopping eight minutes left. 6 next to it. 7 I am confident after I pass the witness I may 7 8 Q Miss Tracy, I am advised that there may have think of eight more minutes of things to ask you, but at been some developments in the pending application since the time being I think this might be a logical time for you have produced documents to us. Do you know what I'm 10 me to conclude my questioning of you for purposes of 11 referring to? 11 today. A Yes. 12 I certainly have other things that we will ask 12 you at the conclusion of your deposition at a later Q Can you tell me what that is, please? 13 13 14 MR. MANZO: At this point we must designate the 14 transcript as confidential. Actually, we also have to 15 THE WITNESS: Okay. 15 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: End of tape 2. Off the record designate as confidential the part where Mr. Baumgartner 16 announced the serial number of the pending application. 17 2:52. 17 MS. ADDISON: Okay. 18 (Recess was taken.) 18 THE WITNESS: Should I go into -- Okay. 19 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is tape 3, continuing 19 MR. MANZO: Go ahead. deposition of Rhonda Tracy. Time is 2:59 on May 25, 20 21 (Whereupon, the following portion of the 21 2000. On the record. 22 **EXAMINATION** 22 deposition has been designated confidential.) 23 THE WITNESS: Yes, in that the pending application 23 by Mr. Smith: 24 we're asking them to accept my declaration. MR. SMITH: Q Good afternoon, Miss Tracy. 135 137 MR. MANZO: Let me restate this so you have it A Hi. 1 2 accurately if you don't mind. Q My name is Craig Smith from Fish & Richardson, MS. ADDISON: Thank you. I appreciate that. and we represent Confab Holding Corporation in this 3 MR. MANZO: The examiner did not enter the 4 lawsuit. 5 declaration, and so a continuing -- a continuation -- a If there are any questions that I ask you that CPA application was filed requiring the examiner to you don't understand, please let me know and I'll try to enter the amendment in it and consider the declaration. 7 clarify them for you. And the last serial number will be abandoned on entry of 8 A Okay. 8 Q I'd like to cover some of the ground that has 9 the CPA application. MS. ADDISON: Okay. already been covered today, and I apologize if there's 10 MR. MANZO: And we will file more claims and cite 11 some overlap, but please just bear with me. 11 A Okay. 12 all the prior art, et cetera, and tender any transcripts 12 13 you want us to tender. 13 Q Can we start with, when did you conceive of the 14 invention that's disclosed in the '824 patent? 14 (Whereupon, this concludes the confidential 15 A Well, actually I'm going to have to say it goes 15 portion of the deposition.) MS. ADDISON: Mr. Videographer, how much time have I 16 all the way back to 1986, my original disclosure, because that is extra padding. However you look at it, 17 18 it's extra padding, so plain and simple. So I'm going 18 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: One-hour-thirty-one. 19 MS. ADDISON: Okay. I'd like to go off the record 19 to have to say 1986. for about one or two minutes just to look through my 20 Q Okay. What date would you place on that? 20 A Well, I know my disclosure is stamped September documents to see if I'm at a logical conclusion point, 21 21 22 2, 1986, but I have to say I gave it a lot of thought 22 or if there's anything else I need to ask you about.

even prior to that.

I believe I may have come up with it sometime

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THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record 2:49.

(Recess was taken.)

138 140 before that and just didn't actually go through the extra comfort that was needed in the disposable diaper. 2 steps of doing something about it until that time of Q And this padding was covering these -- this September 2, 1986. 3 elasticized waist? Q Okay. Can you put a date on when you started A Well, it was to be within the waistband, and the thinking about it? purpose of it was to provide extra cushioning or 6 A I would have to say it might have been, oh, to padding. the best of my recollection, somewhere even in '85 when On how the manufacturer worked that in was not I might have started thinking about it. really up to me, but it was supposed to be an extra Q Late '85? strip that was distinct and separate from the rest of 10 A Somewhere in '85, I believe. I can't say 11 specifically. It's an approximation. 11 Q Your initial attempt to solve this perceived 12 Q And how did you come up with this invention? 12 problem, though, was to put a piece of padding over the 13 A Because my son was the one that was suffering 14 from the diapers that were being made. And I would see A Correct, either inside or over. You know, it 14 lines and red marks and tittle abrasions on his skin. didn't matter. I know my original design went from And I thought, you know, there's got to be a better way inside to outside, but it was extra padding. And since than that, and so I decided just to do something about then, you know, it's covering both aspects, being inside 18 it because there wasn't any diaper out there that had and also in contact with the wearer's skin. 19 this additional padding. Q Did you ever develop a prototype that had the 20 Q And what were the lines, abrasions and scratches padding inside of the waistband? When I'm using inside, 21 I think you said a result of? 21 I'm actually talking in between the top layer and back A The elastic waistband particularly. I would say 22 22 layer. 23 more so there than in the legs. 23 A The only thing I did, if you say prototype, take 24 Q And can you be a little more specific about what 24 a diaper and just affix it inside of the waistband, yes, 139 141 about the waistband? I did that. But did I present it to anyone as a model? A Well, I think I mentioned this earlier, I'm No, just in discussion. happy to explain again, that I believe the elasticized 3 Q Now when you say inside, how are you using waist had such threading in it that made it pretty stiff at the time. It just wasn't as flexible and provided a 5 A Inside meaning inside the original batting or soft enough surface at the waistband in contact with the the top layer batting. And also in between let's just 7 skin. say the outer covering and the original bat. Otherwise, he wouldn't have had the red marks 8 Q So was the padding touching the skin of the that he had. He wasn't overweight or anything like intended user? 10 that. He was normal weight. So that's what really made 10 A Are you talking about the modification that was II me think of it. 11 made? 12 Q How did your invention solve this perceived 12 Q Correct, the padding. 13 problem? 13 A On the inside, no, it's not touching. 14 A Well, it seems like diaper companies are using 14 Q On the inside of -it, so they have to think it's valid. There's some good 15 A On the inside -- on the inside portion of the 16 reason for the application, because it's still being diaper at the waistband it is not directly touching the 17 used. So if it wasn't useful, they wouldn't be making 17 skin of the wearer. 18 it. 18 Q Okay. Can I direct your attention to Exhibit 6, 19 Q Right. Can you describe specifically though how 19 page 32.

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A Okay.

A Yes.

A Yes, I do.

Q Do you recognize this document?

Q And is that your signature on the bottom?

20 your invention cured this problem of the abrasions and

A Well, it provided, like I said, an extra layer

23 or a cushioning or padding that was not in the diapers

previously and, therefore, it seemed to give it that

scratches that you were noticing?

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142 144 Q I'd like to direct your attention to page 34 and ı Q Does this document describe your invention? 2 A Yes, it does, back then. paragraph 12. 3 A Okay. Q What do you mean by back then? 3 A Well, it's obviously dated the 2nd day of 4 Q Can you read for me the typed portion starting September, 1986. And so, yes, it goes back. with cotton or gauze. 5 A Yes. Want me to read that for you? 6 Q Previously you had testified that the term 6 7 Q Yes, please. inside as used in this document referred to the portion of the diaper that would be facing the baby's skin; is A Cotton or gauze-type lining/padding around the waistband and leg area of diaper. Old method is just that accurate? plastic and provides no cushioning. Lining/padding is 10 A That's correct. O And the term outside would then refer to the contained on the inside, but can go to the outside as 11 well. Therefore, will protect skin when it overlaps. portion of the diaper that would be facing away from the 12 Q And the term inside as used here is the same as 13 13 baby's skin? A Yes, the outside of where the outer covering is. 14 14 you've used it in the document at page 32, meaning the topside layer, the layer that would be facing or 15 Q The outer cover. So if I use back sheet -touching the baby's skin? A Yes, correct. 16 16 17 A Correct. 17 O -- that would mean the same thing to you? 18 Q And outside refers to the back sheet layer? 18 A Describe it, yes. 19 A Correct. 19 Q Does this document at all describe placing the Q Does anything in this document describe placing 20 padding between the top sheet and the back sheet? 20 the padding in between the back sheet and the top sheet? 21 A No, this one does not. 21 22 A No, this one does not. Q Can you turn to page 33 of Exhibit 6. 22 O Can I direct your attention to paragraph 13. 23 A Yes. 23 24 which is located on page 34 of Exhibit 6. Q And do you recognize this document? 24 143 145 A Yes. A Oh, yes, I believe. ı Q Do you see where paragraph 13 says alternatives 2 Q Is that your signature on page 35? 2 to or variations of the method or apparatus? 3 A Yes. Q What is this document? 4 A Yes. 5 Q What was the response that you gave to that? A Let me refresh. It's been so long. 5 I believe this is a document that Robert Van A I said none, except that the different types of 6 Epps had questioned me about, and then he -- he I cotton may be used to accomplish this result. 7 Q So at time that this document was created you believe had it typed. I'm not sure about who actually 8 did the typing of this, but I know it was -- I believe didn't know of any other methods or variations on what 10 this was a document that he had had and questioned me 10 you've disclosed in this document? 11 A Correct, at that time. 11 about. Q Did Mr. Van Kamp prepare this document for you? 12 Q At what point in time did you -- Strike that. 12 13 A I believe it was a standard document that he had So up until this point in time there's no disclosure about placing the padding in between the top sheet and 14 within his office. 14 the back sheet; is that accurate? Q And, excuse me, I just realized that it was Van 15 15 16 Epps. 16 A Right. I wasn't that distinct of placing it in between those areas, placing it between the top sheet 17 A Yes, Van Epps. 17 and back sheet, that's correct. 18 18 Q And Mr. Van Epps prepared this document for you? O At what point in time did you actually disclose 19 A I believe, yes, the questions, yes. 19 Q And you provided the answers that are shown 20 the invention of putting the padding in between the top 20 sheet and the back sheet? 21 typed into the various --21

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A Yes.

Q -- spaces?

A Correct.

A I would have to say it was between I would

say -- oh, I'm trying to think. It would have to be

24 between the time I think this was first originated and

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you ask that again?

A On my behalf where I have -- I'm sorry, could

Q Sure, I'm sorry. Let's see if I can make it a

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146 148 the time that my first utility patent was then applied little clearer. Are there any documents that you are 2 for back in 1990, I believe. I'm not really clear on aware of that describe your invention of placing the the exact dates. So in between that time. padding between the top sheet and the back sheet? Q So we're talking about the period between 4 A I believe when Mr. Manzo first took over my case 5 February 1987 and when your first utility application 5 or if you want to say my applications, I believe it's 6 was applied for? probably somewhere within those documents. 7 A 1987 --O What time frame was that? 8 Q I'm getting the February 1987 date from the 8 A I believe I came in contact with Mr. Manzo invention disclosure document that is labeled page 33 of around 1990. I actually came in contact with him prior 10 10 before that, excuse me, but where we really started 11 A I would have to say that's -- it's hard to say talking about entertaining him representing me. an exact date as to when that came about, but I was 12 12 Q What type of documents would those be? continually looking at diapers from day one on the 13 13 A Well, I presented, I believe, papers and diapers 14 marketplace and constantly being aware of modifications 14 at that time. 15 or uses that might be applicable. So I can't say an 15 Q What type of papers? 16 exact date, but it was in between those times that I 16 A Everything that I had. These documents here, 17 mentioned to you earlier. 17 these exhibits if you will before you, such as 18 Defendant's Exhibit 6, I turned over those documents 18 Q And the times that we mentioned earlier, would 19 it be accurate to represent those times as from February once we agreed to work together. 19 20 1987 until the date that you filed your first utility 20 Q And what diapers were you referring to? 21 21 A I'm referring to the discussion of the -- if you 22 A I would even say perhaps '86 because Mr. Van 22 want to call it a sandwich construction where it's in 23 Epps actually had some documents for me, I believe, between the top sheet and the back sheet. That was going back to March of '87, and he took a long time to definitely discussed between Mr. Manzo and myself. 147 149 file, about six months later. 1 Q I'd just like to ask you a few questions about 2 And I had paid him for a search. And the next 2 the design application. 3 step was to file the application. And it was very 3 A Sure. 4 surprising that he had taken that long to actually file Q If you could turn your attention to Exhibit 3. 5 the application in 1987. 5 6 So all I can say is I believe it was somewhere 6 Q Please direct your attention to page 5 of 7 in between that time. And he and I had various Exhibit 3. 8 discussions of modifications, and then, of course, A Correct. resulting in this ornamental type of design, which was Q Is there any figure on page 5 that shows the 10 what he was willing to do at that time. 10 cross-section of the waistband? 11 Q Do you know of any documents that exist that 11 A The only place where it shows any cross-section describe your invention of adding padding between the is down here in figure 3. It shows any -- I'm sorry. 12 13 back sheet and the top sheet? 13 O I'm sorry. 14 A There are no documents I believe that describe 14 A That's the only cross-section I believe that is 15 that. They were in verbal discussions. 15 shown. 16 Q Verbal discussions with whom? 16 Q And figure 3 shows the cross-section at the 17 A With my attorney, Van Epps, then Mr. Gilhooey 17 leg-gathering portion; is that accurate? 18 (phon.), then Mr. Manzo. A Yes, it is. I'm just now noticing, yes, the 19 Q Are there any documents that exist today that 19 arrows are right here pointing to the leg area, correct. 20 describe the invention of placing the padding between 20 Q So there is no figure similar to figure 3 that 21 the top sheet and the back sheet? 21 would describe or show the cross-section of the waist

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A Apparently not, because figure 3 is pointing to

this area here, which is obviously pointing to the leg

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l area.

2 Q So there's no way of telling from the figures on

3 page 5 what the cross-section of that waist is?

A Again, something Mr. Van Epps left out, but I

5 would have preferred he included in the waistband, but

it shows here in the leg area, correct.

O And you had stated previously that, just from

8 looking at these figures, there's no way to tell that

9 the portions on the extremes of the waist -- Strike

10 that.

11 From these figures is there any way to tell

12 that the members that you have highlighted in pink are

13 soft?

14 A Well, I believe I discussed that with

15 Mr. Baumgartner previously. And my contention is it's

16 implied that whatever you add for a baby would be soft.

17 That was my intention. That was my implication at the

18 time, my honest intention.

19 Q But the figure doesn't show that?

20 A Right. I mean, the figure shows that there's an

21 extra layer at the legs and the waist. And I would hope

22 that one would imply that those are soft and it's not

23 hard. Because -- I'm sorry.

24 Q Go ahead.

I has it here obviously in the waistband in figure 1, and

2 figure 1 is really no different than figure 2, which is

3 including the legs.

4 They both, you know, overlap from inside to

5 outside. So I would have to say figure 3 is a

6 representation of figure 1 at the waistband. He's just

7 got arrows distinguishing that.

Q But there's no figure that shows that?

9 A Right.

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10 Q Is there any figure in this design application

11 marked Defendant's Exhibit 3 that shows padding between

12 the top sheet and the back sheet?

13 A No, I don't believe. Padding between the top

14 sheet and the back sheet? Excuse me, let me rethink

15 that for a moment.

16 There is padding between the top -- if I may

17 rephrase, there is padding between the top sheet here,

18 which I think is the inside of the waist portion. And

19 the back sheet here, this cross-section has some padding

20 in it.

21 And I believe we discussed that earlier,

22 because she asked me if there were three layers and like

23 a layer in between be padding.

24 Q What I was referring to is the padding at the

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A I just want to add that he does use at least the

2 word a new ornamental design for a disposable diaper,

3 which at least saves me, I think, to the portion where

disposable diapers at that time were no longer girded by
 rubber pants, you know, which are hard. So they tried

6 to improve that, but -- make it soft, but yet also

7 disposable. That's the only thing I have to go on, is

8 an implied intention.

9 Q And from figure 3 you can't even tell if there's

10 extra material on the waist portions because there's no

11 cross-section for those waist portions?

12 A There is no --

13 MR. MANZO: Objection, argumentative.

14 MR. SMITH: Q Could you repeat your answer? I'm

15 sorry

16 A I would say it appears to be showing primarily

17 in the leg areas. But may I add something to that,

18 Counsel?

19 My intention of extra padding here was in the

20 waist and legs. So what he is showing here in figure 3

21 where it's pointing at this leg area here, it's no

22 different than what's in the waistband.

So if you want to say is this a cross-section

4 of the waistband, I would have to say, yes, because he

l waistline.

2 A Well, what's interesting is the more layers you

have, the more padding you have. So you do have what's

4 inside of this loop area. That is padding.

5 I mean, how could you -- it may be the inside

6 portions, but I would have to say that is padding. And

7 the extra layer that I put in on the outside -- I'd say

8 when you combine those together, the three of those

9 together, it makes it have a little more padding by

10 combining them together.

11 Q My question was more directed towards the

12 padding --

13 A In the waistband itself?

14 Q -- between the top layer and the back layer in

15 the waistband portion of the diaper.

16 A What it shows here is a loop, and that loop is

17 padding. And the loop goes from the inside to the

18 outside of the diaper. And that's the best that I can

19 tell you.

20 Is it inside of the waistband is what you're

21 trying to ask me, Counsel?

Q My question was, does this design application

23 show a figure where the padding is between the top sheet

24 and the back sheet in the waist portion?

Q I just wanted to make sure I understood that

inside to outside wasn't talking about in between the

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154 156 1 MR. MANZO: Asked and answered. top layer and the back layer, and we're talking about 2 MR. SMITH: Q You can answer that. actually going -- it would be the portion of the padding 3 A Okay. That's a tough one, but I would say no. that would touch the baby's skin would go over and go to 4 Q Okay. I'd like to now go to Exhibit 5. This, the back -- the back sheet of the diaper. 5 as you may recall, is your Declaration in Support of a A That's the way the advertisement appeared on all 6 Petition to Make Special. outside appearances at the time, just looking at the 7 A Yes. 7 advertisement. 8 Q Do you remember this document? 8 Q And that's what you meant when you wrote that? 9 A Yes, I do. 9 A Right, just how it looked. 10 Q Okay. 10 Q And if you could turn to page 19, again, this 11 A Let me get to that. Here we go. Okay. has handwriting on it that you said is your own; is that 11 12 Q And I'd like to direct your attention to page 12 correct? 13 18. I know you've been shown this before. 13 A Correct. 14 14 Q And here, again, it's written the waistline is 15 Q And the handwriting that is on page 18 you said 15 designed like mine (inside to out). And there you're 16 is your own; is that correct? referring again that the padding is touching the baby on 17 A Yes. one side and coming over the top layer and back layer 18 Q And I just want to clarify. The writing that 18 and then landing on the back layer? 19 says from inside to outside, there you're referring A Correct. That's what got my attention when I 19 again from the inside the top sheet to the back sheet of 20 first glanced at it, was how it looked, and it looked 21 the waist? 21 like it was mimicking my design. 22 A Correct. And I'm referring to just this Q Okay. I'd now like to go to Exhibit I, which is 22 advertisement as you see it visually. Not to say that 23 the '824 patent. this advertisement represents what this moisture-proof A Yes. 155 157 waistshield is contending once you get inside the Q I would like to direct your attention to claim waistband. 2 1, which starts at the bottom of column 2. 3 It appears to be that way from the A Okay. 4 advertisement, but I'm not saying that this Q The first paragraph of claim 1 start "a body 5 advertisement represents what is actually inside the portion." Do you see that paragraph? 6 waistband that they're advertising. I'm not saying 6 A Yes. 7 that. It was -- I'm sorry. 7 Q And do you see the portion of that paragraph Q If you had something more, please. 8 that refers to the body portion being shaped so that 9 A No, that's okay. said diaper may extend about a waist and crotch of a 10 Q But your statement here and the arrows that 10 wearer and have an inside and an outside with respect to .11 you're drawing are showing that the -- there is padding 11 the wearer? 12 that overlaps --12 A Yes. 13 A I'm saying this represents just from -- just 13 Q Now, there the inside and outside again refers 14 from the picture -- Again, I want to clarify. I'm not to an inside that would be touching the skin of the 15 saying that this picture represents what's actually in 15 baby, or the wearer, and the outside, which would be on 16 the waistband once you open it up. 16 the outer or back layer of the diaper? 17 It just appeared at first glance from the 17 A Correct. 18 outside and not tearing into the diaper, spotting this 18 Q Moving to paragraph 3, which start "at least two 19 at the grocery store, that it was going from the inside 19 body portion layers," do you see that? 20 to the outside as my design did. That's all I'm saying. 20 21 Q Okay. I apologize for any confusion. 21 Q It refers to a plastic layer having an edge at 22 A That's okay.

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the edge of the diaper.

Q Do you see that?

A Correct.

158 160 that would be helpful -- May I do that? 1 A Yes. O Could you show me in the figures that are on the Q The pointing didn't seem to work very well, so 2 3 why don't we -- Well, look into the specification. second page of the patent where the plastic layer is? Maybe you could show me where in the written description And if you want to give me a number that refers to the of the patent it refers to this plastic layer having an 5 plastic layer, that would be okay. edge at the edge of the diaper. A I would have to say that is -- Excuse me. 6 7 A In figure 4 specifically you're speaking of? Figure 2 on the left appears to be No. 24 on the left, but on the right No. 24 also goes inside the waistband. 8 Q If you can find it in reference to other That is the edge, figure 2, No. 24 on the left. figures, that's fine, too. 10 A I would have to say 42 of a plastic material and 10 MR. MANZO: Could I hear that answer again, please. H 11 the like located on each of the enlarged sections --(Record read.) 12 Wait a minute. That's in figure 2, excuse me. 12 MR. SMITH: Q So are you saying that No. 24 is the 13 Q 42 is also in figure 4. 13 plastic layer? 14 A When you told me to specifically look at the 14 A Where in figure 2 do you see it? I see it here 15 in 4, but you're saying it's in figure 2 as well? 15 figure and -- Didn't you ask me the edge? Q Oh, no. I was saying it's in figure 4. Q I just said the plastic layer. 16 17 A I thought you were saying it's in figure 2 as 17 A Oh, the plastic layer. I thought you were 18 well. 18 referring to the edge. I'm sorry, Counsel. 19 Q So you're referring to item 42? 19 O That's okay. 20 A I would have to say, according to how this looks A You're talking about the outer plastic layer 20 21 then? to me, from what I can see, this is the edge right here, 22 and it is referring to -- as it reads here, 42, I'm 22 Q I'm just looking for where in the figures it 23 looking at line 34, column 2, 42 of a plastic material 23 refers to the plastic layer having an edge at the edge 24 and the like located on each of the enlarged sections. 24 of the diaper --159 161 But then it says 22 in figure 2, enlarged section of 22. ı A Having an edge. 2 O -- which is the third paragraph of claim 1. 2 So I would have to say it is described 34, A Yes, plastic edge at the edge of the diaper. 24 3 column 2, 42 of plastic material and the like located on 3 each of the englarged sections. 4 on the left. I believe. MR. MANZO: Now, your question is directed to what 5 Q Okay. So the portion of the written description that refers to a plastic layer having an edge at the number in the figures does that --7 MR. SMITH: If there is a number, that's what I was 7 edge of the diaper is referenced here as item 42 in 8 figure 4; is that correct? THE WITNESS: Yes, I would have to say the plastic A It is claiming it to be plastic material and the 10 like. Where it talks about the edge, of course, is what 10 layer edge, if you're referring to a number, it's figure 2 on the left-hand side, No. 24. is -- what's in actually the claims themselves. I would 12 MR. SMITH: Q And could you point to the edge or have to read the entire descriptions all over again. I 13 don't have them memorized. 13 give me the number in figure 4? 14 MR. MANZO: Counsel, do you want to invite her 14 A Excuse me one moment. 15 15 attention to where it says edge? A You're saying in figure 4. The plastic layer 16 THE WITNESS: The diaper 2 in its flat configuration 16 17 edge appears to be -- Let me double-check. as shown in figure 2 is formed as a single body 20 18 I would have to say it's within -- it's this having enlarged end portions 22 which terminate at edges 19 edge right here. I don't know if I could mark that 19 24 from that top waistband portion 10 in figure 1. 20 20 So I believe it is covered in column 2, 16, 17 edge. 21 21 and 18. Is that what we were --Q Is there a number associated with --

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reference to figure 2.

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A It's hard to say on this copy because the black 23 is very, very bold. I'm not sure where the black starts

24 or where it ends. But if I could just point to it, if

MR. SMITH: Q Now, you mentioned No. 24 with

A Let me see. Yes, I mentioned that earlier, 24

162 164 1 on the left. 50 on the left, 24 on the right. 2 Q Yes. 2 Q So that's the soft padding member of claim 1? 3 A And it describes it terminate at the edges 24. 4 Q And in column --4 Q Can you direct my attention to where in the 5 A I just feel a little pressured right now specification it refers to the padding being between the because, you know, it has to be in here. I'm just not top sheet and the back sheet? 6 6 7 picking it up right at the moment in the description. 7 A You want me to point it out in the figures? Q If I could direct your attention to line --8 Q The written description of the patent. 9 looks like line 28 in my copy, it is the paragraph in A At least -- I'm going to claim 1, starting with column 2 that starts "referring now to figures 1, 2 and 10 paragraph 3, at least two body portion layers, including 4." 11 a layer of liquid absorbent material and a plastic layer 12 A Uh-huh. 12 having an edge at the edge of the diaper. 13 Q Do you see where it refers to border sections 13 Q Excluding the claims, which we're going through 14 40, 42? one by one. Not looking at the claims, looking at the A Yes, and I mentioned 42 earlier. column 1 and column 2, up until the claims start, where 15 15 16 Q Correct. So I just wanted to confirm that the 16 in that portion of the written description --A Oh, I see, before the claims. 17 plastic layer having an edge at the edge of the diaper. 17 18 we're talking about here, the section 42? 18 Q Exactly. 19 A Yes, that's what I had mentioned earlier. 19 A I'm sorry. 20 O Okav. 20 Q That's okay. 21 A Okay. A Summary of the invention. Okay, I did find it. 21 22 Q Can you direct my attention in the figures to 22 It's in the summary, to answer your question. 23 23 the soft padding member that is described in claim 1? When you talk about specific summary of the 24 A Soft padding member would be 24 here, the inside 24 invention, going down to column 1, line 44, the 163 165 of the diaper as it's shown in figure 2. And here it is protection provided by the padding not only exists 1 reflected 50, figure 2, as well. within the waistline portion of the diaper, but is also 3 Q And when you're talking about the inside of the 3 present at the top and outside of the diaper where the 4 diaper --4 skin may overlap when worn. So it says exists within 5 A Inside the waistband. the waistline portion. 6 Q Inside the waistband that would be in contact Q Can I direct your attention to the second 7 with the wearer? 7 sentence of the summary of the invention. A That would be in contact with the wearer, 8 9 9 correct. Q Could you read that second sentence for me? 10 Q Okay. 10 A The padding as herein disclosed covers the A Wait a minute. Are you talking about claim No. 11 11 plastic waistline band from inside to outside of the 12 1? 12 diaper when worn by the baby. 13 Q That's what we were referring to. I was asking 13 Q And that inside to outside is referring to 14 about the soft padding member. inside being the surface touching the baby going to the 15 A The soft padding member in claim 1 is inside of 15 outside, which would be the back sheet? 16 the diaper waistband. It's not in contact with the 16 A Claim 3, yes. 17 wearer. 17 Q And so the padding would be going inside to 18 Q I was asking you where --18 outside in that feature? 19 A It is still here within the waistband portion on 19 A Yes. 20 20 Q That's not talking about padding in between the 21 Q Figure 2 shows the padding within the waistband 21 back sheet and the top sheet; is that correct? 22 meeting between the top and the back sheet? 22 A Correct. That's where it's describing claim 3,

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from inside to outside.

Q So it's your understanding that the last

A Well, it's described in the waistband portion,

and that's where the waistband portion is, 24 and 50.

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- sentence of paragraph 1 of the summary of the invention
- 2 indicates that the within the waistline is talking about
- 3 the padding being actually between the top sheet and the
- 4 back sheet; is that correct?
 - A That's what within is, yes.
- 6 Q But that's your understanding?
- 7 A Yes.

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- 8 O Okay. Maybe you can help me understand. The
- 9 last sentence of the first paragraph of the summary of
- 10 invention states that the protection provided by the
- 11 padding not only exists within the waistline portion of
- 12 the diaper, but is also present at the top and outside
- 13 of the diaper where the skin may overlap when worn.
- 14 A It's talking about two different areas I believe15 there.
- 16 Q Could you describe the two different areas that
- 17 you're talking about?
- 18 A The protection provided by the padding not
- 19 only -- so he's saying it's not exclusive to that -- not
- 20 only exists within the waistline portion, within being
- 21 inside of the diaper, but also -- so it means in
- 22 addition to -- present at the top and the outside of the
- 23 diaper where the skin may be overlap -- where the skin
- 24 may overlap when worn.

- front to back. Inside or within -- within something is
- 2 inside something. So within isn't the same as going
- 3 from front to back as we were describing earlier, the
- 4 inside to the outside portion.
 - Q Claim 3, however, states that its said first
- 6 strip wraps around the inside to the outside of the
- 7 waistband; whereas the sentence, as you have interpreted
- 8 it, doesn't cover padding on the inside of the
- 9 waistband; is that correct?
- 10 A Well, he calls it inside of the waistline
- 11 portion, and that's where your waistband usually is, is
- 12 at the waistline portion. It's not in your abdomen.
- 13 It's not in your hip. It's at the waistline portion.
- 14 Q Right. The question I was getting towards was
- 15 more the statement you had made where it covers both
- 16 claim 1 and claim 3, and you're referring to the last
- 17 sentence of the summary of the invention, paragraph 1.
 - A Correct.
- 19 Q My question was with respect to claim 3. Claim
- 20 3 states that it's covering a padding that goes from the
- 21 inside to the outside. So it covers the portion of the
- 22 diaper where the skin of the baby would be wearing it to
- 23 the outside of the diaper where someone could be
- 24 touching it, the back sheet say of the diaper.

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- 1 Q The portion of the sentence that starts with
- 2 "but is also," that's referring to the padding that
- 3 would be on top of the edge of the diaper and also on
- 4 the portion of the diaper that would be on the back
- 5 sheet; is that correct?
- 6 A Correct.
- 7 O So this sentence, according to you, is not
- 8 referring to any portion of the padding that would be in
- 9 contact with the wearer?
- 10 A I'm not saying that. I said that this last
- 11 paragraph reads that it's not only within the waistline.
- 12 That's not the only place where it exists. But it also
- 13 is present at the top and the outside of the diaper
- 14 where the skin may overlap when worn.
- 15 I think it's very specific. You know, it's
- 16 talking about it's not only inside but also -- he's
- 17 talking about claim No. 3 -- going from the inside to
- 18 the outside as well. They're two different features.
- 19 Q So the distinction being made in that sentence
- 20 is that the padding can be inside the top sheet or the
- 21 back sheet, or it can be on top of the plastic edge, or
- 22 it can be on the back sheet?
- 23 A He is covering both claim 1 and claim 3 in that
- 4 particular paragraph, because inside is definitely not

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- A Again, I just want to say this is the summary.

 You know, when you summarize, you don't include every
- 3 single word that is in your -- let's say a report of
- 4 something you were doing; whether it be for school or
- 5 for somewhere else.
- 6 Your summary is just condensed to summarize.
- 7 It doesn't have everything specifically outlined,
- 8 otherwise it wouldn't be a summary. So that's how I
- 9 answer that.
- 10 Q That last sentence though, is it your
- 11 interpretation that the last sentence just doesn't cover
- 12 padding that would be on the inside of the waist portion
- 13 touching the wearer?
- 14 A It says -- I believe it says -- This is how I
- 15 interpret it. I interpret it to say that it exists
- 16 within the waistline portion. So it's within. It's
- 17 inside of that waistline portion.
- 18 Q But not touching it?
- 19 A That one, that part is not touching when it's
- 20 within.
- 21 Q Okay.
- 22 A The other part of the same sentence, where it
- 23 says but it is also present, covers claim 3 where it's
- 24 going from inside to outside, which does touch.

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description of the patent does it talk about putting the

soft padding member between the top layer and the back

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170 172 Q What portion of that sentence covers the padding 1 layer? that would be touching the child on the inside of the 2 2 A And it's not in the claims, okay. 3 waistline? 3 O Correct. A Well, it's where it says but also present at the 4 A Here we go. I just came upon it. top and outside of the diaper, within the waistline Okay. Column 2, line 10, one or more layers portion, but is also present at the top and the outside 18, figs 3 and 4, of a liquid absorbent material, such 7 when it overlaps, when it's worn. Your skin can touch 7 as cotton, pulp and the like, is imposed -- is imposed 8 it at the top when it's overlapping. 8 between, excuse me, the outer sheet and the inner Q My question was directed to what portion of that 9 sheet -- the outer sheet 16A and the inner sheet 16B as 10 sentence refers to the padding claimed in claim 3 that 10 is conventional. Q Isn't that talking about the liquid absorbent 11 refers to the inside of the waistband portion that would 11 12 be touching the wearer of the diaper. 12 material --A Well, he's talking about -- Let me read this 13 A It is. 13 14 14 O -- not the --15 Well, it doesn't say at the top edge. It says 15 A Because as I read on, it said crotch area. I at the top. So when you're talking about the waistline, 16 16 spoke too soon, excuse me. 17 it could be the top of the waistline area. It doesn't 17 O That's okay. 18 say the edge of the waistline area. So it says at the 18 MR. MANZO: Can we go off the record while she 19 top of the waistline area. So if this were the top of completes her review? 19 20 the waistline area, that would be touching the skin. 20 THE WITNESS: Yes, I would like to because when I'm 21 Q So you're interpreting top to be the inside of 21 hearing talking, I'm listening. 22 the --22 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record 3:58. 23 A Not --23 (Recess was taken.) 24 24 Q -- diaper, meaning the top layer? THE VIDEOGRAPHER: On the record 4:08. 171 173 1 A Just the top part of this waistband area. I ł THE WITNESS: First of all, I want to apologize. mean, it's not specific to say that it's just the edge. 2 2 I'm getting very tired. It's saying the top of the waistline portion. 3 3 MR. SMITH: Q That's quite all right. We're 4 In which you say this is the top of the 4 almost finished. 5 waistline portion and this is the bottom of the 5 A To answer your question, no, it doesn't waistline portion, I'm referring to it as this is the 6 6 specifically say. You had asked me --7 top of the waistline portion. 7 Q Okay. So there's no specific reference in 8 Q Where else in the specification -- again, we're 8 column 1 or column 2, excluding the claims --9 talking about column 1 and column 2, not including the 9 A Correct. 10 claims -- where it refers to the padding or the soft 10 Q -- that refers to placing the padding material padding member being between the top layer and the back 11 between the top sheet and the back sheet along the 11 12 layer? 12 waistline? 13 A You're not talking about the claims. 13 A Correct. 14 O Correct. 14 Q I'd like to direct your attention to claim No. 15 A I'm going to take a moment to refresh myself, 15 10, which is located in column 3 down at the bottom of okay? 16 16 the column. 17 Q Sure. 17 Do you see the second paragraph that starts 18 A Thank you. May I use your highlighter for one 18 "attachment devices"? 19 19 A Yes. 20 I'm going to stop right here. Could you ask me 20 Q Do you see the portion of that sentence that 21 the question again so I'm thinking of it as I'm reading? 21 reads said diaper may be closed about a waist and crotch 22 Q The question was, where in the written of a wearer and have an inside and an outside with

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respect to the wearer?

A Yes.

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- 1 O The inside and outside referred to there is
- referring to the inside of the diaper that would be
- touching the wearer, and then the outside of the diaper.
- which would be on the back sheet; is that correct?
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- MR. MANZO: The inside is the part that gets wet 6
- 7 first.
- 8 MR. SMITH: Q I'd like to now direct your attention
- 9 to the last paragraph of claim 10 that starts "a first
- soft padding member." Do you see that?
- 11 A Uh-huh.
- 12 Q Is there a reference in the written description
- of the patent, excluding the claims, that refers to the 13
- 14 soft padding member of claim 10?
- MR. MANZO: Are you asking in ipissima verbis? 15
- 16 MR. SMITH: Come again?
- 17 MR. MANZO: Are you asking whether those explicit
- 18 words are in the specification?

MR. SMITH: Q Did you understand the question?

- 20 A Could you just repeat it for me again, please?
- 21 O Sure. Let's see if I can clear up any
- 22 confusion.

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- 23 A I'm not confused, but it would be better if you
- 24 just ask it again.

- the inside of said diaper with respect to the wearer,
- thereby to a present a soft surface at said inside of
- the diaper waistband despite the plastic material at the
- edge of the body portion.
- 5 So if it says inside of the diaper waistband,
- you know, I would take that literally that it's inside
- of the waistband area. And they're speaking strictly of 7
- the waistband. Did I answer your question?
- Q I don't think so.
- 10 A I don't think I did either.
- 11 Q Let's try it again.
- 12 A Okay.
- 13 Q The portion that I'm looking at says inside of
- 14 said diaper with respect to the wearer. Do you see
- 15 that?
- 16 A Uh-huh.
- 17 Q And what I'm asking, is that referring to the
- inside of the diaper portion that would be touching the
- 19 wearer of the diaper?
- A I understand that, and I would say that it is 20
- inside that portion that would be touching the diaper.
- 22 I mean that would be touching the individual, excuse me.
- 23 Q That's okay. So the soft padding member would
- 24 be located on the portion of the waistband that would be

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- Q Certainly. I just want to direct your attention
- to the last paragraph of claim 10, which starts "a first
- soft padding member." Do you see that? 3
- A Yes, I do.
- 5 Q Do you see the portion of that paragraph that
- states the soft padding member being located at
- 7 substantially only along the waistband at the inside of
- 8 said diaper with respect to the wearer, thereby to
- 9 present a soft surface at said inside of the diaper
- 10 waistband despite the plastic material at the edge of
- H the body portion?
- 12 A Yes, I'm reading that.
- 13 Q When it's referring to the inside of said
- 14 diaper, are we talking again about the inside portion of
- the diaper that would be in contact with the wearer of 15
- 16 the diaper?
- 17 A Give me a moment.
- 18 Q Certainly.
- 19 A Well, it says here, if I may answer you
- 20 correctly, that it is at the inside of said diaper.
- 21 Just above that he is explaining the waistband
- 22 portion. So I would have to believe that the soft
- 23 padding member, right after that, where it continues
- being located substantially only along the waistband at

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- touching the wearer so that the padded member touches
- 2 the wearer of the diaper?
 - A I believe when it says --
- MR. MANZO: Objection. You're really asking for a
- legal conclusion here when you're asking this witness to
- interpret patent claims.
- 7 My objection is registered. Go ahead and
- 8 answer.
- THE WITNESS: Okay. If I may make a distinction,
- claim 15, since we're talking about claims, okay, it
- talks about one strip of material forming a soft surface
- 12 for contact with the skin of the individual at at least
- one of the border edges. I would say that that is very
- specific where it says in contact with the skin of the
- individual. 15
- 16 Here it is saying inside. It says only along
- 17 the waistband at the inside of said diaper. It's not
- saying that it's particularly behind a bat. It's not
- 19 saying that it's -- it's inside of the diaper, I would
- say, itself. And it could be interpreted to be inside
- 21 of the waistband -- I'm going to go along with Mr. Manzo
- 22 on this one, if I may answer in that fashion, and I
- think it's because I am getting extremely tired and I am
- not thinking as well as I should right now.

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it's in between layers, it can present a soft surface.

Or if it's right here, even on the outer-most layer,

it's going to present a soft surface. So either way

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178 180 1 Substantially only at the waistband at the 1 you're going to get a soft surface. 2 inside of said diaper with respect to the wearer, 2 Q The claim, though, says that it presents a soft 3 thereby to present a soft surface at said inside of the 3 surface despite the plastic material at the edge. If 4 diaper waistband. It says -- again, it re-emphasizes 4 the padding is internal to the waistband meeting between 5 two lines down that it's inside of the diaper waistband. 5 the top sheet and the back sheet, how can it provide a 6 So if I may demonstrate, this is the diaper 6 soft surface to the plastic edge? 7 waistband portion here, and it's said to be inside of 7 A Okay, I will explain that. When you have a 8 that. That's my answer. 8 plastic edge, just by itself --9 MR. SMITH: Q Does that interpretation make sense 9 MR. MANZO: Objection, mischaracterizes the claim. 10 in light of the language that says inside of said diaper 10 11 with respect to the wearer? 11 THE WITNESS: As I was trying to explain, it's just 12 A The one who's wearing it, with respect to the 12 like the edge of a piece of paper. It's sharp when it's 13 wearer. 13 singularly by itself. You can get a papercut. 14 Q Doesn't that refer, though, to the inside of the 14 To me, if it's near the plastic edge, that edge 15 diaper portion that would be touching the wearer, such 15 singularly by itself can be sharp. When you add extra 16 that the soft padding member would touch the wearer? 16 layers to it, it's not as sharp. Just as it would be --17 MR. MANZO: Objection, argumentative. 17 you're less likely to get cut from paper with 18 THE WITNESS: The only way I can say is, again, you 18 thicknesses of layers together than you are with a 19 know, inside of the diaper. I don't know if you want to 19 single layer of paper. put limitations on the word inside or not, and that's 20 20 And I would say that it is not -- to present a 21 how I'm going to answer that, not being a patent 21 soft surface despite the plastic material at the edge. 22 attorney. So that's how I can best answer it. 22 as I just described to you, when there's more layers at ___ 23 MR. SMITH: Q Does this inside refer to the term 23 that edge, it's going to present a softer surface. 24 inside that you've used with respect to inside the 24 Q How would the padding material present a soft 179 181 1 waistband? Strike that. surface if the plastic edge is in front of the padding 2 Later in that same sentence it refers to material? 3 present a soft surface. A Well, the plastic edge is actually behind the 4 A Correct. padding material. It's in back of this. If you want to 5 Q And goes on to say despite the plastic material say if it's laying open like this, it's underneath. If at the edge of the body portion. 6 it's like this, it's actually behind it. 7 A Right. Q Well, the edge portion that we discussed before 8 Q What does that mean? was the portion that is the top layer? 9 A Let me continue to read that. With respect to A This is the edge --10 the wearer, thereby to present a soft surface at the 10 Q Correct. 11 inside of the diaper despite the plastic material at the 11 A -- of the diaper. And I'll just continue to say 12 edge of the body portion. that as you have more layers affixed to this edge, it's 13 When you have this padding member, which is a going to be -- there's going to be more cushioning there 14 strip, it's going to present a soft surface. This is as opposed to just having this plastic edge by itself, 15 the surface of the diaper. which would be more sharp as in a single piece of paper. 16 Q You're referring to the --16 Q So if the plastic layer is the top layer, how 17 A Surface of the waistband. 17 does the soft padding member present a soft surface? A Well, it's not really the top layer when it's 18 -- topside? 19 A But that doesn't mean it's only -- in my open. And it's actually in back when it's affixed to 20 interpretation, it doesn't mean it's only limited to. the baby. So you said when the plastic is a top layer? 21 It says it's presenting a soft surface. So if It's not really a top layer here.

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Q But in the application you directed my attention

to the plastic layer or plastic edge being the edge of

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- A Oh, it's at the top of the waistband, yes. It's
- 2 at the top of this waistband portion. You know, if this
- 3 is the bottom of the waistband, this is the top of the
- 4 waistband.
- 5 Q Just for the record, this diaper isn't a Confab
- 6 diaper as far as I'm aware.
- 7 A No, I'm just using it to demonstrate waistband
- 8 is all and plastic edges.
- 9 Q Okay.
- 10 MR. MANZO: Can I ask where we stand on time?
- 11 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're at an hour-fifteen.
- 12 MR. MANZO: And the total? Seems like we started --
- 13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Three hours, plus an
- 14 hour-fifteen.
- 15 MR. SMITH: Q The soft padding member that you've
- 16 described in claim 10, is there any portion of the
- 17 written specification, claims 1 -- column 1 or 2, not
- 18 including the claims, that refer or describe your
- 19 interpretation of the soft padding member of claim 10?
- 20 A Again, it's similar to. I would have to -- like
- 21 I said, I don't memorize all of this, but I understand
- 22 it as I read it.
- 23 So you want to know if claim 10 is really
- 24 within the contents of column 1 or 2 prior to the

But what I'm referring to, like in claim 1, was

- 2 the soft padding member being distinct, which means
- 3 separate. And if I said this claim has to mean that
- 4 it's inside the two layers distinctly, I believe I may
- have been incorrect on that.
- 6 I believe what I had in my mind that it's a
- 7 separate strip that is distinct, and it doesn't limit
- 8 itself to saying exactly where it is. So I may have
- 9 been incorrect on that.
 - Q And are you talking about claim 10?
- 11 A I'm going back to claim 1, which was I believe
- 12 you asked me the same type of question for claim 1 a
- 13 while back.

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- 14 Q Well, with respect to claim 10, is there
- 15 anything in the specification that supports your
- 16 interpretation that the soft padding member can be
- 17 between the top layer and the back layer?
- 18 A I'm not sure, but I don't think it has to be.
- 19 But I don't remember saying distinctly it has to be in
- 20 between the top and the back, but I don't remember that.
- 21 Q You went through the specification during one of
- 22 our breaks, and you said previously that there was
- · · ·
- 23 nothing in --
- 24 A Right.

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- 1 claims?
- 2 Q I was actually more specific than that. It's
- 3 with respect to just the one element of claim 10 that
- 4 refers to the soft padding member as you've interpreted
- 5 that soft padding member. Is there anything in the
- 6 written description of columns 1 and 2 that describes
- 7 that soft padding member as you've interpreted it?
- 8 A It describes the soft padding member other than
- 9 saying it's a soft padding member? You're saying it
- 10 describes the soft padding member, other than the fact
- 11 that it's just saying it's a soft padding member?
- 12 Q Well, you've indicated to me, and correct me if
- 13 I'm wrong, that the soft padding member could lie
- 14 between the top layer and the back layer --
- 15 A Correct.
- 16 Q -- is that correct?
- 17 A Correct.
- 18 Q Where in the specification does that description
- 19 of the padding being between the top layer and the back
- 20 layer occur?
- 21 A Well, as I believe I answered that earlier, I'm
- 22 not so sure if I answered that correctly now, now that I
- 23 hear it again. So I'm not so sure. I'd have to go back
- 24 and see how I answered that.

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2 A Right.

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- 3 Q -- that the soft padding member can be between
- 4 the top layer and back layer.
- 5 A And I'll still claim that answer.

Q -- the specification that says --

- 6 Q Just wanted to make sure.
- 7 A Uh-huh.
- 8 Q I'd now like to direct your attention to claim
- 9 15. And going down to the paragraph that starts "the
- 10 waistband, including a padding member." Do you see
- 11 that?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Does that call for the padding member to be in
- 14 contact with the wearer of the diaper?
- 15 MR. MANZO: When you say "does that," you mean that
- 16 subparagraph or this claim?
- 17 MR. SMITH: Q Do you understand the question?
- 18 A You're saying does that paragraph itself mean
- 19 that it has to be in contact with the wearer?
- 20 MR. MANZO: I object to the question as vague.
- 21 MR. SMITH: Q What do you think that paragraph
- 22 means?
- 23 A Well, it is -- your question is vague, but I
- 24 would say that -- if I could answer it as best as I can.

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A There doesn't seem to be -- Let me be careful

22 before I answer. Just to make sure, there doesn't seem

Q So there's no soft padding member as described

to be any soft padding member at the waistband.

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186 188 1 Q I'd appreciate that. 1 in claim 1 of the patent; is that correct? 2 A It is just describing I think where the padding A There is not a separate strip that is distinct 3 member is. It's at the edge portion of the exposed as you continue on in claim 1, no, I don't see -- unless 4 surface of the waistband. I'm missing it, but there doesn't appear to be a 5 It's at the edge portion of the exposed 5 distinct strip. surface. So I'm not sure I could limit it to saying Q According to claim 10, is there a soft padding that it's -- that it is or it isn't in contact with the 7 7 member in that diaper which has been marked as Exhibit 8 wearer. 8 9 Q Does it require that the padding be in contact 9 A Let me read claim 10. There is no strip of a 10 with the wearer? 10 soft substance located at the waistband. There's no 11 A Two paragraphs down it does. But that strip. I'm referring to a strip, and there is none particular paragraph doesn't specifically say contact 12 12 located at the waistband in claim 10 as it says. 13 with the wearer. No, it doesn't say that. 13 Q So there's no soft padding member as described 14 Q And you mention that the last paragraph of claim 14 in claim 10? 15 15 requires that the soft padding member be in contact A Well, in claim 10 it also says the first soft 16 with the skin of the wearer; is that correct? padding member, including a strip. So you have to take 17 A Yes, it's for contact with the skin of the 17 those words together, soft padding member, including a 18 individual. Does it require? I mean, I think it strip. There doesn't appear to be one. explains it. That's what that claim is referring to, 19 19 Q Okay. Looking at claim 15, does that diaper 20 have a padding member extending along an opposite edge contact with the skin, yes. 21 Q Okay. And that is disclosed in your figures 1 21 portion at an exposed surface of the waistband? 22 through 4; is that correct? 22 A I'm sorry, where are you at claim 15? I was 23 A Well, yes. 23 down here. 24 Q So those figures show that the soft padding 24 Q That's all right. 187 189 member would be in contact with the skin of the wearer; A I was somewhere else, I'm sorry. 2 is that correct? 2 Q I'm down at the paragraph that starts the 3 A Yes, not limited to that, but containing. "waistband, including," 4 Q But that's what they show? A The waistband, including a plastic material at A That particular aspect, yes. 5 the border edges? Q I'd like to show you a diaper. I'm sure you've Q I'm sorry, further down. It starts "the 7 already seen too many today. And I'd like you to refer 7 waistband, including a padding member." to claim 1 of the '824 patent, which is Exhibit 1. A "Extending along the opposite edge portion at an A Uh-huh. exposed surface of the waistband." I would say that 10 MR. SMITH: And could I mark that diaper as Exhibit that particular aspect is not in this diaper. 11 20. 11 Q Okay. This is the last diaper you'll probably 12 (Document marked as requested.) 12 see today. 13 MR. MANZO: Is this a Confab diaper? 13 A Does that mean no more questions after this one? 14 MR. SMITH: It is what it is. 14 MR. SMITH: I'd like to mark this as Defendant's 15 MR. MANZO: Does it have a production number? 15 Exhibit 21. 16 MR. SMITH: We'll put a sticker on it. Thank you. 16 (Document marked as requested.) 17 MR. MANZO: Another mystery diaper. In looking at claim 1 of the '824 patent --17 18 MR. MANZO: Can I see it? 18 THE WITNESS: May I begin tearing? I might as well 19 MR. SMITH: Q Can you show me where on that diaper 19 get a head start. Go ahead. the soft padding member is located? 20 MR. SMITH: Q Referring to claim 1 of the '824

patent, which is marked as Defendant's Exhibit 1, can

A Okay. Can I show you the soft padding member?

22 you locate for me the soft padding member in the diaper

23 marked as Defendant's Exhibit 21?

190 192 Let me see here. I'm getting good at this. A Yes. 1 2 Oh, yes, I would say this is the soft padding 2 Q Despite the fact that there is a back sheet member right here. It's a strip and it is distinct. 3 between the soft padding member and the wearer of the 4 Right there. 4 diaper? 5 A A back sheet between the soft padding member? 5 Q So the portion that you're referring to was located between the top layer and the back layer; is 6 O And the wearer of the diaper. 6 7 A A back sheet between? 7 that correct? Q Or I should say -- I'm sorry. 8 A Correct, correct. yes, it's located in between. 8 9 9 Q And is that soft padding member adjacent to said A Yes. 10 10 Q I'm confusing you. plastic layer edge? A Yes, it's next to it. 11 A Yes, a back sheet between. 11 12 Q I apologize. I just wanted to make sure I was 12 Q You said it's next to it. Is that --13 A Yes, it's right -- it's next to it. 13 correct that you're saying that this diaper presents a 14 Q You're saying that's adjacent to the plastic 14 soft surface despite the fact that the soft padding member is between the top layer and the wearer of the 15 edge? 15 16 A Yes, yes. 16 diaper? 17 17 MR. MANZO: For about the tenth time, yes. A Absolutely. 18 MR. MANZO: I might be getting confused here, but I 18 MR. SMITH: Q And does that soft padding member 19 present a soft surface along at least a portion of said 19 wonder whether we've switched the top sheet and back 20 inside of the diaper waistband portion despite the 20 sheet between different interrogators? MR. SMITH: Q I don't think so. I think my 21 21 plastic edge? 22 A Yes. previous question was a little confusing because I switched it, but I think you understood --23 Q And why does it do that? 23 24 A Well, as I explained earlier, and I'll be happy 24 A Yes. 193 191 to repeat, the top layer -- excuse me, the top plastic ı Q -- the follow-up question, right, where I edge here is sharper when standing alone by itself, as cleared it up? 2 in a piece of paper. When you affix layers to it, it 3 A It's still presenting a soft surface whether it's behind this first layer that I pulled apart. becomes not as sharp. 5 Q And does it present a soft surface? 5 Q And the first layer you pulled apart is the top 6 A Yes. 6 layer, correct? 7 7 A Yes. Q And how does it do that? 8 A When you add padding to something, it makes it Q Looking at claim 10, does that diaper marked Defendant's Exhibit 21 have a first soft padding member 9 more comfortable. And by touch I can tell it has a soft 10 as described in claim 10? 10 surface. 11 Q But you're touching the padding member. 11 A And where are you at, I'm sorry? A Even the layer that goes over the padding 12 Q That's okay. It's the last paragraph of claim 12 13 10, starting on line 4 of column 4. 13 member, when you first touch it, it appears to present a 14 soft surface. 14 A Okay. The soft padding member -- are you 15 Q So you're saying that the back sheet presents 15 talking about the first -- did I hear you say first soft padding member? 16 16 the soft surface to the wearer; is that correct? A I'm saying that this diaper, this waistband, is 17 Q That's correct. 17 18 presenting a soft surface. 18 A Yes. 19 19 Q And I'm asking how it does that? Q And why is that? 20 20 A Because it provides padding, some extra A Well, it is a soft padding member undeniably. 21 cushioning. Being as thin as it is, it's still a little And if you -- well, it depends on where you're looking 22 at the diaper I suppose, but opened up you have your

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24 is presenting a soft surface?

Q It's your testimony that the soft padding member

back sheet, and then you have your first member, your

first padding member on top of that, and then you have a

24 layer edge.

A Yes, because it's still next to the plastic

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194 196 layer on top of that of a batting. 1 1 Q Okay. Going to claim 15, does this diaper have 2 Q And when you're --2 a padding member extending along an opposite edge 3 A Opened up padding member. portion at an exposed surface of the waistband? 4 Q You're talking about different layers. Could A And again you are where in 15? I'm sorry. 5 you describe the actual layers you're talking about? 5 Q That's all right. I'm starting with the 6 You can use the same words we've been using, top layer, paragraph that says "the waistband, including a padding 7 back layer, padding member. 8 A This is a plastic, you know, back sheet, if you 8 A Extending along an opposite edge? want to call it that, layer number one. This padding 9 O Correct. 10 member at the waistband, this is the first padding 10 A Correct. 11 member. 11 Q Do you see that paragraph? 12 This may be, if you want to call it, a layer or 12 A Yes. 13 a piece, but this is the first padding member on top of 13 Q And does the diaper marked as Defendant's 14 the back sheet. And this is another layer of a top 14 Exhibit 21 have the waistband, including a padding 15 sheet. This is actually a padding member here. 15 member, extending along an opposite edge portion at an 16 Q And, again, according to claim 10, does this 16 exposed surface of the waistband? 17 diaper present a soft surface at said inside of the 17 A Yes. diaper waistband despite the plastic material at the 18 18 Q And why is that? 19 edge of the body portion? 19 A Because the waistband has padding member. It 20 A Yes. It's a soft surface inside, yes. 20 extends along the opposite edge portion at an exposed 21 Q And can you describe again why that's true or 21 surface of the waistband. I guess you can maybe call 22 why you believe it's true? this an exposed surface or this top surface of the 23 A Are you referring to the edge again? 23 waisthand. 24 Q I'm referring to the last portion of the last Q So you're calling the top edge to be the exposed 195 197 paragraph of claim 10. 1 surface? 2 A Despite the plastic material at the edge of the 3 body portion? Q Okay. And does this diaper marked as 4 Q I was asking you, does the diaper marked Defendant's Exhibit 21 have a soft surface for contact 5 Defendant's Exhibit 21 present a soft surface at said 5 with the skin of the individual at at least one of the inside of the diaper waistband despite the plastic 6 border edges? 7 material at the edge of the body portion? 7 A Yes. 8 A Yes. 8 Q Does it have a strip of material forming a soft 9 Q And why is that? surface for contact with the skin of the individual at 10 A As I said earlier, again, it's adjacent to the at least one of the border edges? 11 plastic edge. 11 A Yes. 12 Q Which you're referring to as the back sheet? 12 Q And can you show me that? 13 A Yes. 13 A Well, here's a border edge. The strip of 14 O Okav. 14 material is right there next to, or adjacent to, the 15 A And the plastic edge being right here at the border edge. top. And the more layers you affix to it, the less 16 I'm sorry, where are you at? 17 sharp, I guess you could say, it is if you want to 17 Q That's okay. I'll direct your attention to the 18 describe it as that. So that's why it does present a last two paragraphs of claim 15. And they read, the 19 soft surface. padding member, including at least one strip of material 20 Q And the diaper presents a soft surface even formed from a soft substance, the at least one strip of though the soft padding member is between the top sheet material forming a soft surface for contact with the and the skin of the wearer of the diaper? 22 skin of the individual at at least one of the border

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edges.

A Correct.

198 200 1 O Does Defendant's Exhibit 21 have such a soft 1 soft padding member? 2 2 A Yes. 3 A This padding member is not in contact with the 3 Q Does claim 10 reflect such a strip or a soft skin of the individual. 4 4 padding member? Q So it does not have --5 5 A Yes. 6 A Correct. 6 Q Does claim 15 reflect such a padding member? 7 7 Q -- that's soft surface? A Yes. 8 8 Q And in all cases does this strip deflect the A I'm sorry, yes. 9 MR. SMITH: That's okay. 9 effects of the plastic edge? 10 I thank you for being very patient with me. 1 10 A Does it deflect? don't have any questions at this time, but I may have Н Q Yes. Does it reduce --11 12 additional questions in the future. Thank you. 12 A Yes. 13 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 13 Q -- the adverse effects of the plastic edge of 14 MR. MANZO: I'll have some cross. Let's take a 14 the diaper? 15 five-minute recess. 15 A Yes. THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record 4:48. 16 16 Q Just a final couple of questions. Are you 17 (Recess was taken.) 17 fairly tired at this moment? 18 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: On the record 4:56. 18 A Very. 19 **EXAMINATION** 19 Q Are you undergoing some upheavals in your 20 by Mr. Manzo: 20 personal life right now, Mrs. Tracy? 21 MR. MANZO: Q Mrs. Tracy, you're not an expert in 21 THE WITNESS: Yes. 22 claim construction, are you? 22 MR. SMITH: Objection. What's the relevance? 23 A No, I'm not. 23 MR. MANZO: I think it's relevant to her testimony 24 Q Did you -- I think you might have been asked a 24 today. I'm done. 199 201 question about claim I of your patent, and I thought you l MR. BAUMGARTNER: I have nothing further. said that claim I requires the soft padding member to be 2 MR. SMITH: Nothing further at this time. MS. ADDISON: Nothing at this time. sandwiched -- I will use that word -- sandwiched between 3 3 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This concludes the deposition of the layers of the diaper. Is that what you meant to say? 5 Rhonda Tracy. The time is 4:59. Off the record. End of tape 3. A No, it is not. 6 6 7 Q Is it your understanding that claim I can read 7 (Discussion had off the record.) on or be applied to a diaper that has sandwiched MR. BAUMGARTNER: Okay. On the record. 8 9 We've all agreed that the court reporter will construction? MR. SMITH: Objection, leading. 10 10 take the paper exhibits that were marked today, and that 11 THE WITNESS: It can -the people who brought the physical exhibits will take 12 MR. MANZO: Q Can it --12 them away, hold them until the trial of this case and 13 A -- be applied to that, yes. 13 make them available upon reasonable request for 14 Q Can it be applied to one that doesn't have inspection by any party. And each of us will read the 15 sandwiched construction? deposition exhibits that we're taking with us today. A Yes. 16 For Kimberly-Clark, I will be taking with me 16 17 Q Turning to your design patent application, which 17 Defendant's Exhibit 7A, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13. 18 is marked as Exhibit 3 --MS. ADDISON: Drypers will take Exhibit 19. 19 A Yes. MR. SMITH: Confab Holding Corporation, Craig Smith, 20 Q -- does it show that you included a strip of a 20 is going to take Defendant's Exhibits 20 and 21. substance between the layer of the diaper and the skin 21 MR. MANZO: And the plaintiff will take Exhibits 7 22 of the baby? 22 and 9. 23 A Yes. 23 MR. BAUMGARTNER: Thanks.

MR. MANZO: Thank you, everybody.

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AMERICAN STORES COMPANY,)	
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Defendants.)	

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